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WOODCOCK GUNNING

As the England players prepared for their flight out to the World Cup Finals, Arsenal secretary Ken Friar slipped into their Hertfordshire headquarters and completed the deal which makes Tony Woodcock an Arsenal player . . . and on the ball as usual, 'Match Weekly' was there when it happened. Anthony Hawkswell spoke to the former Cologne sharp-shooter . . .

Tony Woodcock in high-flying action for England against Switzerland at Wembley: "It was great to go to Spain with my future decided."

Left: Tony in 'Gunners' gear — "These are exciting times for Arsenal."



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Scotland's David Narey and
Trevor Brooking of England
duel for possession.

GOES FOR THE TITLE

ENGLAND front-runner Tony Woodcock set aside the World Cup Finals for a moment this week and promised Highbury fans an exciting new Arsenal next season.

Tony, who joined 'The Gunners' from Cologne for an estimated £500,000 two days before the England party flew out to Spain, told Match Weekly: "I'm convinced I can win something with Arsenal."

"These are exciting times for the club. The team is going through a transition."

Arsenal, the team everyone tagged as 'boring' last season, have dramatically changed their image by signing Tony and Yugoslavia's exciting midfield captain Vladimir Petrovic.

And there could be more changes on the way . . .

Says Tony "Arsenal have one or two more plans up their sleeve.

"If they can persuade Graham Rix to sign a new contract, we'll be a force to be reckoned with next season."

Tony joined West German club Cologne from Nottingham Forest in November 1979 for £650,000 after winning League Championship, League Cup and European Cup winner's medals at the City Ground.

Forest had first option to buy their former goal-getter back, but manager Brian Clough didn't take up the offer and that left Tony free to decide his own destination.

"I had a number of offers from clubs, including some in Spain and Italy and I could have re-signed for Cologne.

"But I kept an open mind right up to a month ago and then I sat down and sorted through all the offers.

"Arsenal have been after me for some time and I was very impressed by the way they conducted all the negotiations. They made me feel wanted.

"In the end, it was that which persuaded me to join them. At one stage, it did look as though I might finish up in Spain or Italy, but Arsenal made up my mind for me.

"I've always had a soft spot for the club. When you think of English football, the first teams that spring to mind are Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal.

"When you dream of playing for one of the best clubs in this country, Arsenal are always going to be near the top of the list.

"Every player will tell you that if they had a chance of joining Arsenal during their career, they'd take it. I'm really pleased to be here and I'm looking forward to helping them win something next season," says Tony, who has signed a three-year contract with the club.

With his future now secure, Tony can compete in the World Cup Finals with peace of mind: "It was great to go to Spain knowing where I'll be next season.

"The transfer saga had been dragging on for some time. I'm glad it's all over and I can now concentrate on playing football.

"When I joined Cologne, I believed it would



Tony pictured with Arsenal secretary Ken Friar (left), who completed the deal at the England hotel in Hertfordshire and Arsenal assistant manager and England first team coach Don Howe, who was instrumental in persuading the former Forest star to sign.

make me a better player and open up new options for me. That's the way it's worked out.

"I believe I am a better player now than when I was at Forest because I've been used to a different type of game in Germany.

"It's much slower over there. My game is to go straight for goal when I get the ball, but my team-mates encouraged me to slow down because they weren't used to it."

Tony finished last season as Cologne's leading scorer with 15 goals from 30 games and helped them to runners-up spot in the West German League behind Kevin Keegan's old club, Hamburg.

"I enjoyed my spell in Germany. I certainly didn't come back to England because I was home-sick," says Tony, who started his League career with Forest.

Arsenal finished fifth in the First Division last season and that means Tony will be playing in the UEFA Cup next season. But he insists that he'd have joined Arsenal even if they weren't playing in Europe.

"The fact that Arsenal will be in Europe didn't have a lot to do with my decision to join them, although I'm looking forward to it."

Tony's arrival at Highbury will delight the Arsenal fans. They've been desperate to see a replacement for Eire striker Frank Stapleton, who joined Manchester United at the beginning of last season.

"Next season, Arsenal will start with a new team and it will take us a little time to get settled in. Once we do that, there should be no stopping us.

"Obviously the League Championship is the main prize and I believe the club are capable of putting up a strong challenge next season.

"There are some tremendously talented youngsters at the club — as was proved last season when they finished fifth."

Tony has come a long way since his days as a Forest youngster when he was loaned out to Lincoln and Doncaster before realising his full potential.

He made his England debut against Northern Ireland in May 1978 and, barring a couple of occasions, has been a permanent member of the international squad ever since.



Vladimir Petrovic — Arsenal's other big close season signing.



FIRST AGAIN! Match Weekly, the up-to-date soccer magazine, brings you the first colour picture of the England 22. Turn to the centre pages for your smashing pull-out of the England squad. This item replaces the planned Mick Mills poster, which has been held over to a later issue.





There's no mistaking 'Match' reader Danny McCrorey when he drives down the street in his home town of Wellington, New Zealand.

His car's a rolling advertisement for the World Cup and the 'Kiwi' team in particular.

The car (pictured left) is covered in World Cup symbols and slogans and has been signed by the entire New Zealand squad.

Says Danny: "I wanted to show my support for the team and knowing that I wouldn't be able to make it to Spain I thought of this idea."

"As an exiled Scot and keen soccer fan I am overjoyed that at last our round ball game is coming into its own in this rugby country."

"My only regret is that Scotland were paired in the same opening group as New Zealand."

Just the tonic for Paisley

WHEN Liverpool boss Bob Paisley was named Bell's Manager of the Year it was for a record fifth time.

He will be presented with the Bell's Scotch Whisky Cup at Liverpool's first home match of next season.

Asked for his success formula as Liverpool clinched their 13th title victory, Paisley quipped: "A drop of Bell's every month... and a big one at the end of the year."

The divisional managers of the season were Luton's David Pleat (Division Two), Burnley's Brian Miller (Division Three) and Sheffield United's Ian Porterfield (Division Four).

Robson shocker

BRYAN 'Pop' Robson, whose 18 goals helped Carlisle achieve promotion from the Third Division last season, has quit the club.

The former Sunderland and West Ham striker, who reached 250 League goals this season, was expected to get the manager's job at Brunton Park on Bob Stokoe's retirement.

But the board of directors decided against appointing 'Pop'.

"I have decided not to carry on, although I am not leaving just because the board have decided not to make me manager," he says.

"It is more to do with the general situation."

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

Bond stays

MANCHESTER City manager John Bond has rejected an offer to manage Portuguese giants Benfica.

"I want to stay in Manchester and finish the job I started 19 months ago to make City successful," he says.

His City predecessor, Malcolm Allison, is in Portugal where he has guided Sporting Lisbon to the Championship.

Cropley quits

FORMER Scotland international Alex Cropley has been forced to call it a day.

The 31-year-old midfield player has been with Third Division Portsmouth since last September.

Alex, capped twice by Scotland ten years ago, was twice involved in £100,000 transfers, from Hibernian to Arsenal and then to Aston Villa.

Wolves fight to keep Hibbitt

WOLVES will fight any moves to lure Kenny Hibbitt away from Molineux.

Says manager Ian Greaves: "Everyone rates Kenny. I made him skipper as soon as I took over as manager and I think he will be a big asset to the club in our bid to regain First Division status."



Kuwait signing

ENGLAND youth team manager John Cartwright is to take up a two-year contract with Kuwait after the World Cup Finals.

Hill to the rescue

COVENTRY boss Jimmy Hill has announced budget cuts which will enable the Midlands club to survive on gates of 14,000. The Highfield Road playing staff has also been slashed.

Merseyside milestone

FOR the first time in twenty years, a transfer has gone ahead between Merseyside rivals Liverpool and Everton.

It involved Liverpool's 23-year-old reserve midfield player Kevin Sheedy who has moved across the city to enhance his First Division prospects.

Kevin made just one full League appearance for Liverpool following his transfer from home town club Hereford.

Liverpool value him at £200,000, but Everton want the fee decided by a tribunal.

The last transfer between the clubs occurred in 1962 when winger Johnny Morrissey also left Anfield for Goodison.

BOSS IN BOOTS?

ONLY one of the 24 national team bosses currently battling it out in Spain has never been a top class footballer.

He is Chile coach Luis Santibanez (44) who never played the game professionally, but rose to the top of the tree thanks to management success with clubs all over Chile.

Record breaker released

GOALKEEPER Tommy Hughes, who has played in a club record 240 League games for Hereford United, has been released by the Fourth Division side.

Since moving to Hereford from Aston Villa for £10,000 in 1973, the 34-year-old Scot has made over 300 first team appearances.

He was ruled out for most of last season with an elbow injury.

Hereford, who have financial problems, have also released striker Frank McGrellis, and central defenders Richie Overson and Stuart Corne.

Rioch turns to Torquay

FORMER Scotland star Bruce Rioch, who was their captain in the 1978 World Cup Finals, has been appointed player-manager of Fourth Division Torquay.

The ex-Derby and Aston Villa player takes over from Frank O'Farrell who becomes general manager.

Rioch played with Torquay last season as player-coach after returning to the Football League from America.

WORLD CUP RECORDS

Record British scorer in Finals: Peter McParland (N. Ireland) 5, Sweden, 1958.

Record British appearances in World Cup Finals: Bobby Charlton and Bobby Moore (England) 14 (1963-66-70).

Record scorer in Final: Geoff Hurst (England) 3 v West Germany, 1966.

Record Cup wins: Brazil 3.

Record scorer in Finals: Juste Fontaine (France) 13, Sweden, 1958.

Tough for Terry

FORMER England defender Terry Cooper has returned to Bristol to manage City... just six months after being sacked as boss of arch rivals Rovers.

Since leaving Eastville, the ex-Leeds favourite has been playing for Third Division Doncaster.

But now the 37-year-old, who broke his leg on his League

debut for City, is back to try and revive the club's flagging fortunes.

They have slipped from the First to the Fourth Division in successive seasons, and earlier this season they almost went out of business.

"It could not be much harder, but no one offered me an easier job," says Terry.

'MY CUP REGRET'

— Steve Perryman

THE first time was the best time for Spurs skipper Steve Perryman.

Tottenham's model professional lifted the FA Cup for the second year in succession, but he says:

"It didn't feel as good the second time."

"When we won it last year with Ricky Villa's fantastic goal in the replay it was great."

"We didn't win it in that style this year."

"But I believe our victory over Q.P.R. was just reward for the football we played through the season."

"After all, we won the Cup and it's the team result that matters in the end. We got the right result on the night."

Looking back on Spurs' replay victory Steve says: "They had to come out and attack us and if they had done that a bit more in the first match they might have got better rewards."

"Having been caught in our last two Final ties — against Liverpool in the League Cup and Rangers in the first game at Wembley — you could never be sure what was going to happen in the replay."

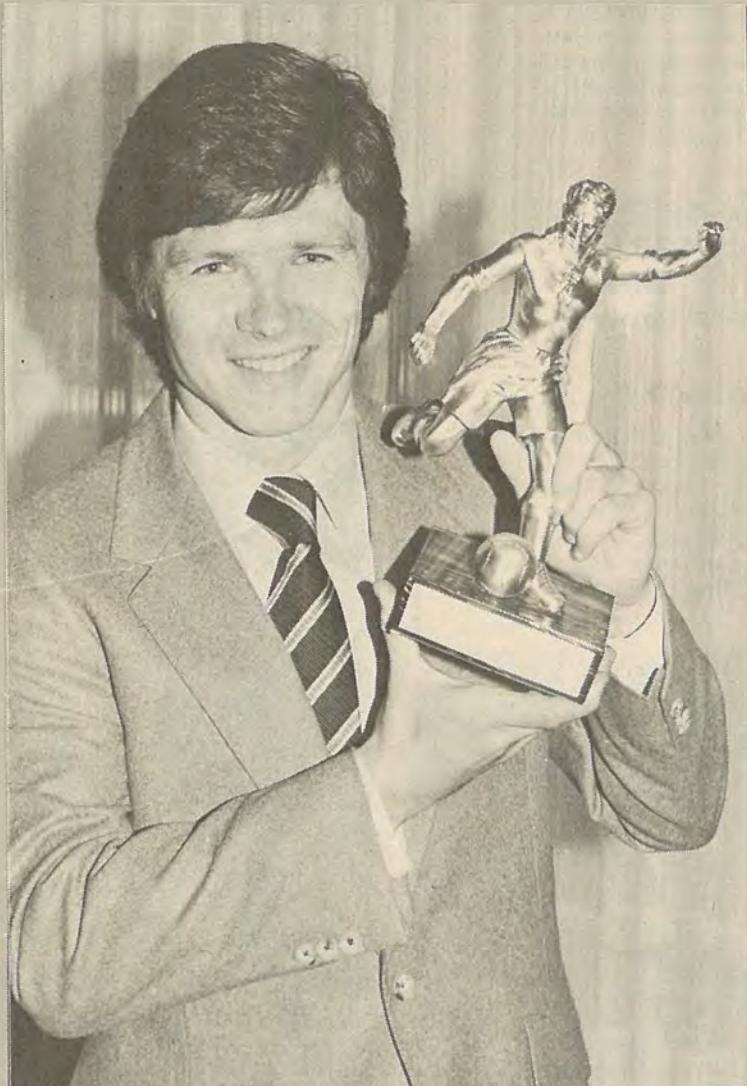
"It always looked as though they might nick an equaliser at the end of the replay."

Ricky Villa, Spurs' Cup Final hero last year, chose to stay at home for the first game against Rangers for personal reasons.

But he appeared on the bench for the replay... and got a hero's welcome from the Tottenham fans.

Says his Spurs skipper: "Ricky played in most of our games and the Cup was won over five months."

"We all feel sorry for Ricky. We would have hoped he could have added his bit of style to the Cup Final."



Tottenham skipper Steve Perryman with the Footballer of the Year trophy presented to him prior to the Cup Final.



European Champions Aston Villa will be sponsored by Davenports Brewery next season and the picture above shows the Villa players with Twickenham streaker Erica Roe at the official announcement of the deal.

Spain in 'keeper crisis

WORLD Cup hosts Spain face a crisis should first choice goalkeeper Luis Arconada get injured during the Finals.

The official reserve is Jose Sempere, but his pre-World Cup form with struggling Valencia was very poor and he was dropped towards the end of the season.

The second reserve is Barcelona 'keeper Javier Urrutioechea, but he struggled all last season.

FANCY THAT ...

IN 1968-69 Southend pair Billy Best and Gary Moore both scored hat-tricks in an FA Cup First Round 9-0 defeat of King's Lynn and they did it again in the Second Round 10-0 rout of Brentwood.

It's the only case in history of two players from the same club claiming hat-tricks in successive rounds.



SCOTTISH forward Harvey McCreadie played with clubs in all four divisions of the Football League during 1960 while still in his teens.

He left Third Division Accrington Stanley in January for Luton, and was with the 'Hatters' in the First and Second Divisions before being transferred to Fourth Division Wrexham in November.

BUCKLEY TO MOVE?

STEVE Buckley, voted the best left-back in the Second Division by his fellow professionals, could be in new colours next season.

Forest are interested and they may also face opposition from Luton who sold Buckley to Derby three years ago.

Paint the town red!

LEAGUE Champions Liverpool are to be sponsored for the next three years by Crown Paints.

The deal is worth £500,000 which is a record involving a British company.

They are taking over sponsorship at Anfield from the Japanese electronics firm, Hitachi.

Diego denies move

ARGENTINE ace Diego Maradona arrived in Spain in readiness for the World Cup refuting suggestions that he has already signed to play for Catalan giants Barcelona next season.

Hay quits at the top

FORMER Chelsea player David Hay has quite Motherwell after guiding them to the First Division Championship in Scotland. David, whose playing career was shortened by an eye injury, is moving to America to join a sports complex in sunny Florida.

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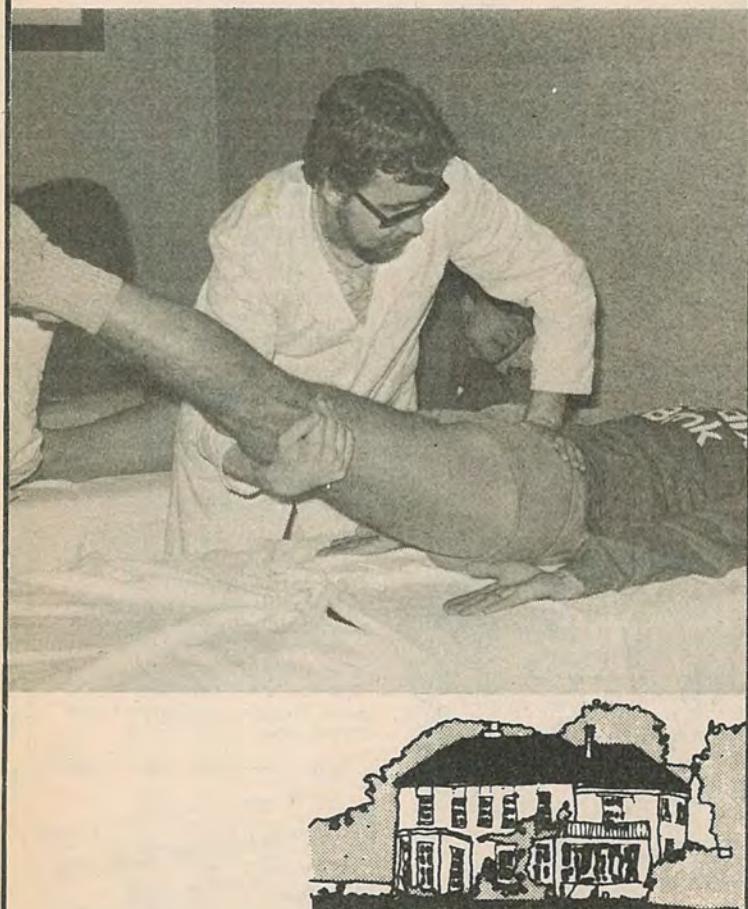
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The STEVE

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COPPELL Column

Graham Rix —
fine
performance
against
Holland.

SECRET FEARS

BEING named in England's 22 for Spain finally dispelled my secret worry.

The fear that I'd miss the World Cup Finals through injury has been in the back of my mind for some time.

I picked up the knee injury in November during England's last and vital World Cup qualifier against Hungary.

And it flared up again at the end of last season during a testimonial match at Aston Villa when I had to go off after just 20 minutes because my knee started to swell up.

I thought then that it was going to spell trouble for me and I began to wonder whether it would stand up to the bone-hard Spanish pitches and being subjected to playing two matches a week — which it will have to if England qualify for the later stages.

But since I've been with the England party, I've been taking a different drug and the swelling has gone down. Touch wood, it hasn't worried me since.

So I was very relieved when Ron Greenwood told me that I was in his Spanish party — it was a weight off my shoulders.

I know that the only cure for the knee is a good rest. It has never had a chance to recover from the initial knock against Hungary.

It has meant that I've sometimes had to think before moving and that's never good for a footballer. He should be able to move instinctively.

By the time you read this, England will have probably played their Group Four opener against France and will be looking forward to Sunday's tough game against Czechoslovakia.

Whatever the result against France, there's no doubt that our preparation for the World Cup Finals was just right and we arrived in Bilbao in the perfect frame of mind.

We couldn't have asked for a better run-up to the tournament. If we'd have lost a couple of our warm-up games, it would have

put doubts in our minds. As it is, we arrived with confidence high.

To win our games against Holland, Scotland and Finland was obviously important, but I was also happy with the style in which we won.

I was particularly pleased with our 2-0 win over Holland. The Dutch are still a force to be reckoned with.

It was that game which booked Arsenal's Graham Rix his flight to the Finals.

He came on in the second half for Alan Devonshire of West Ham and played his way to Spain with a fine performance.

Paul Mariner also enjoyed a great run-up to the Finals with four goals from those three games. As well as being a very good player, Paul is also a smashing member of the squad.

He's the kind of person that really gets the team spirit going within the party. He's always the first to have a laugh and a joke.

Benefits

It's the first time that the England party have spent a long time together and we're really reaping the benefits.

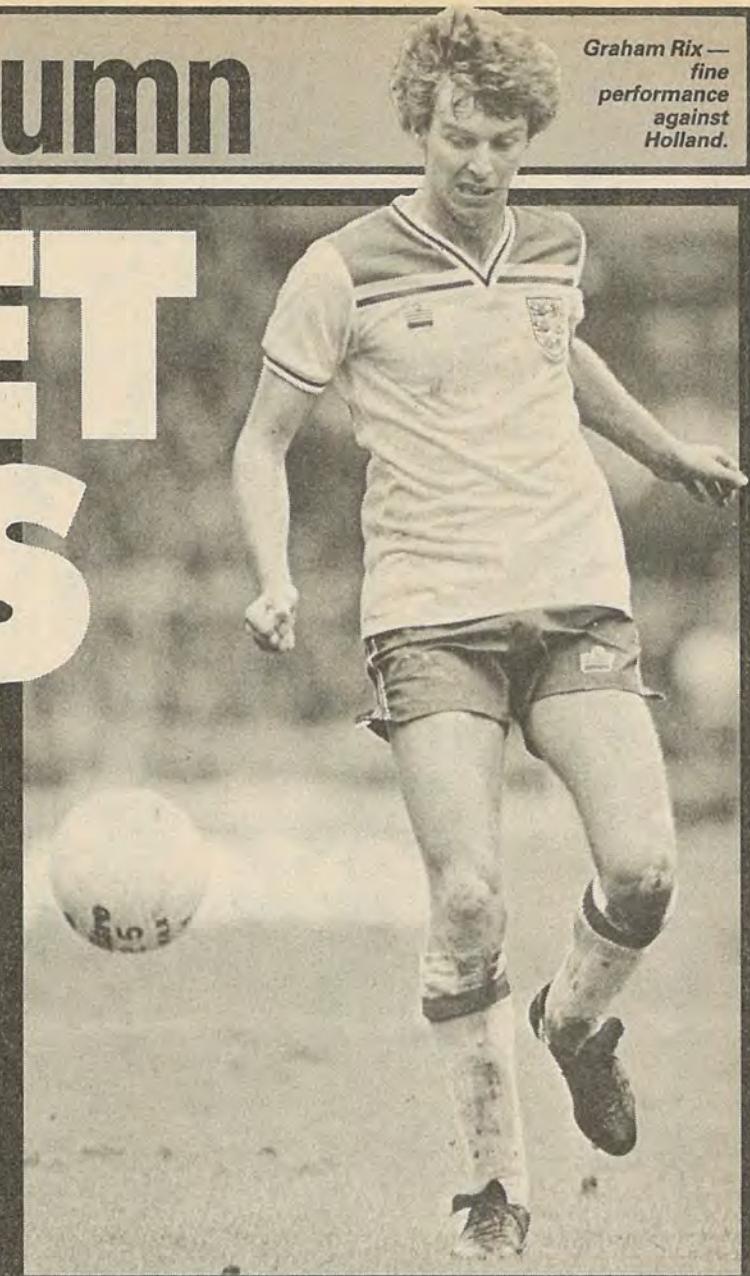
You can't build up a team spirit without actually staying in the same hotel and getting to know each other. We don't get as much time as the Brazils of this world so every moment we do get is precious.

Talking of Brazil, they are my tip to win the trophy. Man for man, they must have the most skillful side in the world and it's difficult to see anyone beating them.

When they played us last year at Wembley, they showed their class. I've always admired their midfielder, Zico. He's a smashing player.

He's their pocket battleship in the middle of the park. He's got bags of class and can win a game by himself — either by scoring or by making a perfect pass.

The West Germans are going to be as difficult as ever. They are always so well organised and their skipper Karl-Heinz



Rummenigge could turn out to be one of the stars of the tournament.

Host country Spain may not have had the best preparation for the tournament, but they'll still be a big danger. Playing in front of their own partisan fans is bound to lift them.

Yugoslavia are my tip as the surprise team of the tournament. They are coached by the very shrewd Miljan Miljanic and are technically a very good side.

Inconsistency

But their problem is inconsistency. Miljan says that they can beat anyone, but they can also end up being beaten by anyone.

As I've said before, we play Czechoslovakia on Sunday and I must be honest and admit I don't know that much about them.

We played them back in November 1978 at Wembley and I scored the only goal of the game, but conditions will be much different this time round because I remember it was a cold, frosty night in London.

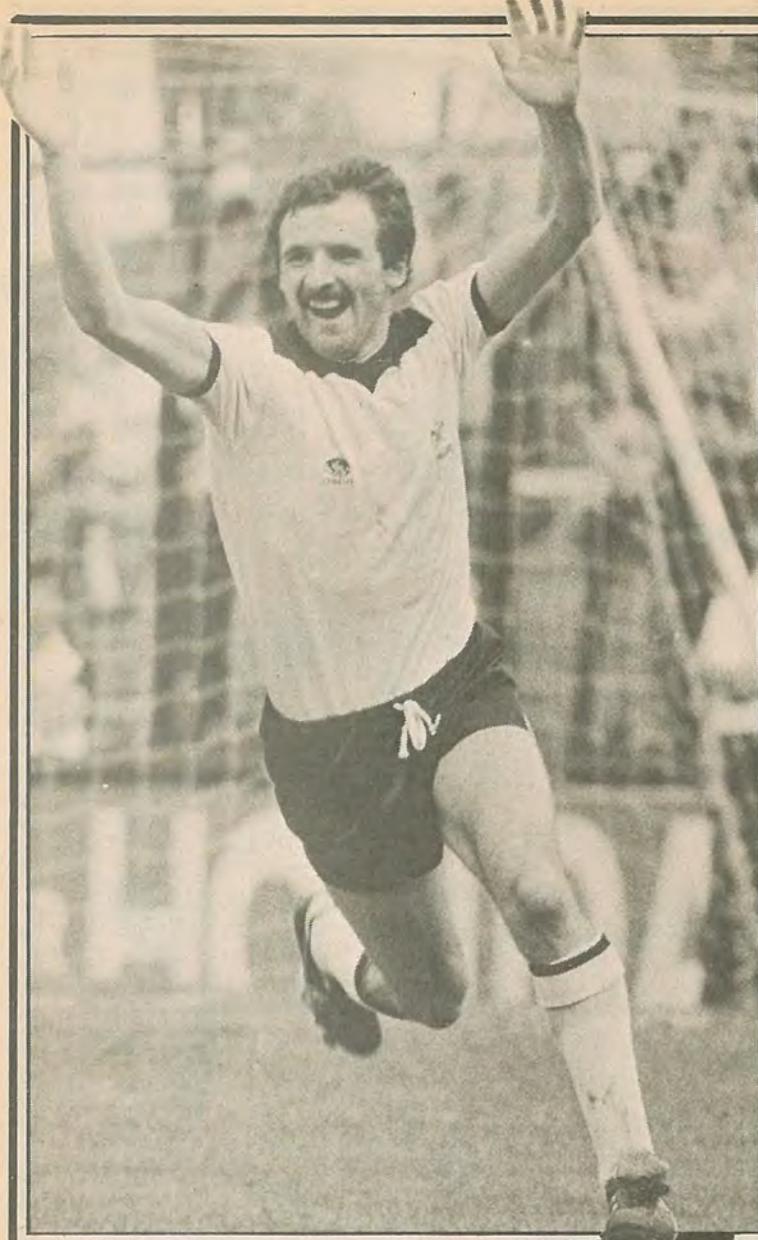
I regard the Czechs as the toughest team in our group because they've got a lot of skill. One player we'll have to watch closely is their captain and key striker Zdenek Nehoda. He's got a reputation as a world class player.

Just before I sign off, let me say how delighted I was to hear that my Manchester United club-mate Norman Whiteside was included in Northern Ireland's 22 for Spain.

The decision didn't surprise anyone at Old Trafford. As soon as we knew he was in the squad of 40, it was clear that he'd be making the trip.

Norman is only 17, but don't get the impression that he will be overawed by the occasion. There's a mature head on those young shoulders and he'll benefit from rubbing shoulders with the best in the world.

Steve Coppell was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



Goal! Left — The Third Division's top marksman Gordon Davies of Fulham celebrates scoring against Preston.



Goal! Right — Watford's top scorer Luther Blissett (arm raised) is mobbed by delighted team mates after scoring against Sheffield Wednesday.



GOAL

GOALS! An exclusive 'Match Weekly' guide to how many were scored, who scored them and how 1981-82 compares to years gone by . . .

TOP TWENTY

THE table below shows the top 20 goalscoring teams in the League, where they finished in their respective divisions and what their goal totals were:

Club	League position	Goals
1 Sheffield United	1st (Division Four)	94
2 Bradford	2nd (Division Four)	88
3 Luton	1st (Division Two)	86
4 Colchester	6th (Division Four)	82
5 Liverpool	1st (Division One)	80
5 Wigan	3rd (Division Four)	80
5 Bury	9th (Division Four)	77
8 Fulham	3rd (Division Three)	76
9 Watford	2nd (Division Two)	75
10 Ipswich	2nd (Division One)	73
11 Hartlepool	14th (Division Four)	72
12 Southampton	7th (Division One)	71
13 Exeter	18th (Division Three)	71
13 Peterborough	5th (Division Four)	70
15 Hull	8th (Division Four)	69
16 York	17th (Division Four)	67
17 Tottenham	4th (Division One)	67
17 Reading	12th (Division Three)	66
19 West Ham	9th (Division One)	66
19 Rotherham	7th (Division Two)	66
19 Burnley	1st (Division Three)	66
19 Lincoln	4th (Division Three)	66

FOOTBALL went goal crazy last season with the final League total representing the best recorded for five years.

In fact, last season's tally has only been bettered once in the last ten years and that was in season 1976-77 when 82 more goals hit the nets.

Full marks to the free-scoring teams in the Fourth Division, who notched up 1,510 goals between them — the best total in the division for more than a decade.

Champions Sheffield United were the top scoring team in the League with 94 goals — 35 of them scored by the League's top marksman Keith Edwards. But Bradford, Colchester, Wigan and Bury all scored 80 or more.

Colchester's total of 82 represented an incredible increase of 37 on their tally for the previous season — the biggest increase shown by any team in the League.

And all credit to Colchester pair Kevin Bremner and Ian Allinson who, between them, scored more than half the team's total.

The Third Division total of 1,421 was 97 up on the previous season — Fulham

setting the pace with 77 goals.

Craven Cottage star Gordon Davies was the division's top marksman with 24 League goals and Dean Coney weighed in with 13 to boost Fulham's total.

Oxford and Bristol Rovers showed the best individual increases — both notching 24 more goals than they did the previous season.

Andy Thomas (Oxford) with 14 and Bristol Rovers pair Archie Stephens and Paul Randall (both with 11) were the clubs' top marksmen.

The story was the same in Division Two — 99 more goals being scored last term in comparison to season 1980-81.

Damage

Champions Luton added 25 more goals to their tally of the previous season to notch 86 — Brian Stein (20) and Steve White (18) doing most of the damage to opposition defences.

But it was Watford's total of 76 that showed the biggest individual increase in the division — 26 more than they scored in '80-'81. Luther Blissett was their

DIVISION ONE

Team	Goals	Up or down on last season
1 Liverpool	80	+18
2 Ipswich	75	-2
3 Southampton	72	-4
4 Tottenham	67	-3
5 West Ham	66	-13
6 Notts Co	61	+12
7 Man. Utd	59	+8
8 Swanssea	58	-6
9 Coventry	56	+8
9 Everton	56	+1
11 Aston Villa	55	+2
12 Birmingham	53	+3
13 Man. City	49	-7
14 Arsenal	48	-13
15 West Brom	46	-14
16 Stoke	44	-7
17 Brighton	43	-11
18 Nott'n F.	42	-20
19 Leeds	39	-14
20 Sunderland	38	-19
21 Middlesbro	34	-19
22 Wolves	32	-11
TOTAL:	1,173	(Down by 55 on the previous season).

DIVISION TWO

Team	Goals	Up or down on last season
1 Luton	86	+25
2 Watford	76	+26
3 Rotherham	66	+4
4 Q.P.R.	65	+9
5 Norwich	64	+15
6 Barnsley	60	-12
6 Chelsea	60	+14
9 Shaff. Wed.	56	+16
10 Derby	55	+2
10 Grimsby	53	-4
12 Newcastle	53	+9
13 Charlton	52	+2
13 Oldham	50	-13
15 Cambridge	50	+11
16 Blackburn	48	-5
17 Cardiff	47	-5
18 Wrexham	45	+1
19 Bolton	40	-3
20 Shrewsbury	39	-22
21 Orient	37	-9
22 C. Palace	36	-16
22 G. Palace	34	-13
TOTAL:	1,172	(Increase of 99 on the previous season).

DIVISION THREE

Team	Goals	Up or down on last season
1 Fulham	77	+20
2 Exeter	71	+9
3 Reading	67	+5
4 Burnley	66	+6
4 Lincoln	66	-
6 Carlisle	65	+16
7 Gillingham	64	+8
7 Huddersf'd	64	+5
10 Oxford	63	+24
10 Southend	63	-16
12 Millwall	62	+14
13 Wimbledon	61	-3
14 Bristol Rovers	58	+24
15 Chesterf'd	57	-15
16 Brentford	56	+4
16 Portsmouth	56	+1
18 Doncaster	55	-13
18 Swindon	55	+4
20 Newport	54	-10
21 Walsall	51	-8
22 Preston	50	+9
23 Bristol C	40	+11
24 Chester	36	-2
TOTAL:	1,421	(Increase of 97 on the previous season).

DIVISION FOUR

Team	Goals	Up or down on last season
1 Sheff. United	94	+29
2 Bradford	88	+35
3 Colchester	82	+37
4 Wigan	80	+29
4 Bury	73	+10
6 Hartlepool	73	+9
7 Peterborough	71	+3
8 Hull	70	+30
9 York	69	+22
10 Blackpool	65	+20
11 Hereford	64	+5
12 Mansfield	63	+6
13 Bournemouth	62	+15
14 Darlington	61	-4
15 Aldershot	57	+14
15 Northampton	57	-1
17 Port Vale	56	-8
18 Tranmere	51	-1
18 Halifax	51	-8
20 Rochdale	51	+7
21 Stockport	50	-10
22 Torquay	48	+4
23 Scunthorpe	46	-9
24 Crewe	43	-17
TOTAL:	1,510	(Increase of 146 goals on the previous season).

Goal! Liverpool's Terry McDermott blasts home from the penalty spot against Manchester United.



top marksman with 19 goals. John Barnes and Ross Jenkins notched 13 each.

Alas, the First Division failed to help the goals cause — the total of 1,173 being 55 down on the previous season.

Champions Liverpool were in free-scoring mood once more — beating their tally of the previous season by 18 to total 80 goals.

Ian Rush with 17 was their top League marksman and Terry McDermott boosted their tally with 14.

Incredibly, Notts County managed to score 12 more goals than they did in gaining promotion from

Division Two the season before — totalling 61.

Iain McCulloch with 17 League goals was County's top marksman.

But for too many teams, the goals dried up last season and the biggest drop was suffered by Nottingham Forest, despite their £2 million strike partnership of Justin Fashanu and Ian Wallace.

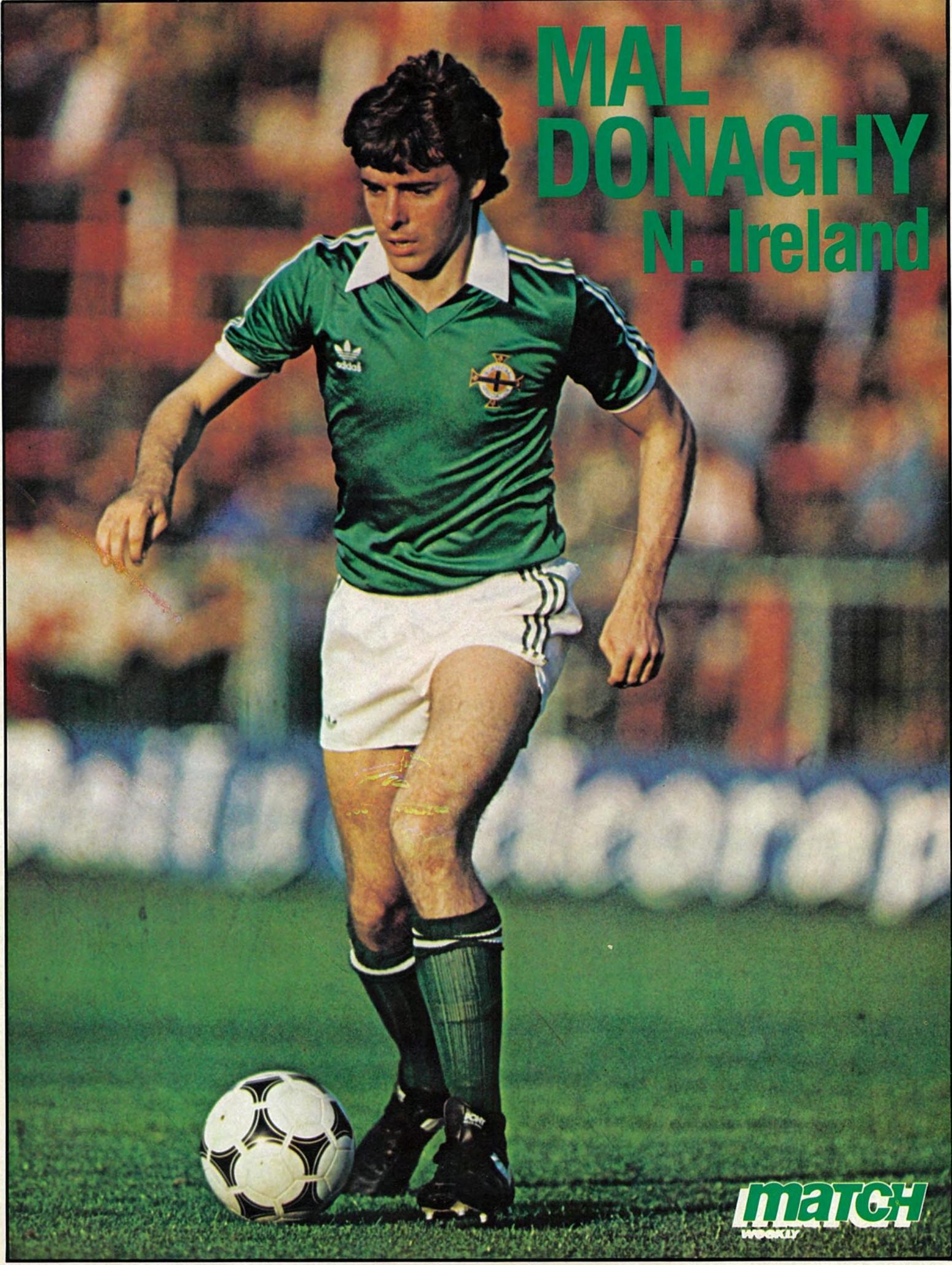
Forest's total of 42 was 20 down on their tally for the previous season and not one of their players managed to get into double figures.

Wolves' scoring record was the worst in Division One. They managed just 32 compared to the 43 they notched the season before.

GOALS TOTAL

OVER THE PAST TEN SEASONS

Season	Div. One	Div. Two	Div. Three	Div. Four	Total
1972-73	1160	1156	1371	1347	5034
1973-74	1107	1108	1361	1352	4928
1974-75	1213	1036	1427	1407	5083
1975-76	1230	1108	1440	1442	5220
1976-77	1183	1290	1462	1423	5358
1977-78	1231	1225	1373	1427	5256
1978-79	1217	1174	1388	1409	5188
1979-80	1150	1215	1423	1460	5248
1980-81	1228	1024	1337	1355	4944
1981-82	1173	1172	1421	1510	5276



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SUPER BLADES STAY SHARP!

SHEFFIELD United — a First Division club just six years ago — have begun the charge back to the top.

Backed by incredible support from their fans, they ended their first ever season in Division Four as champions.

And they clinched the title in super-sharp Blades' style with:

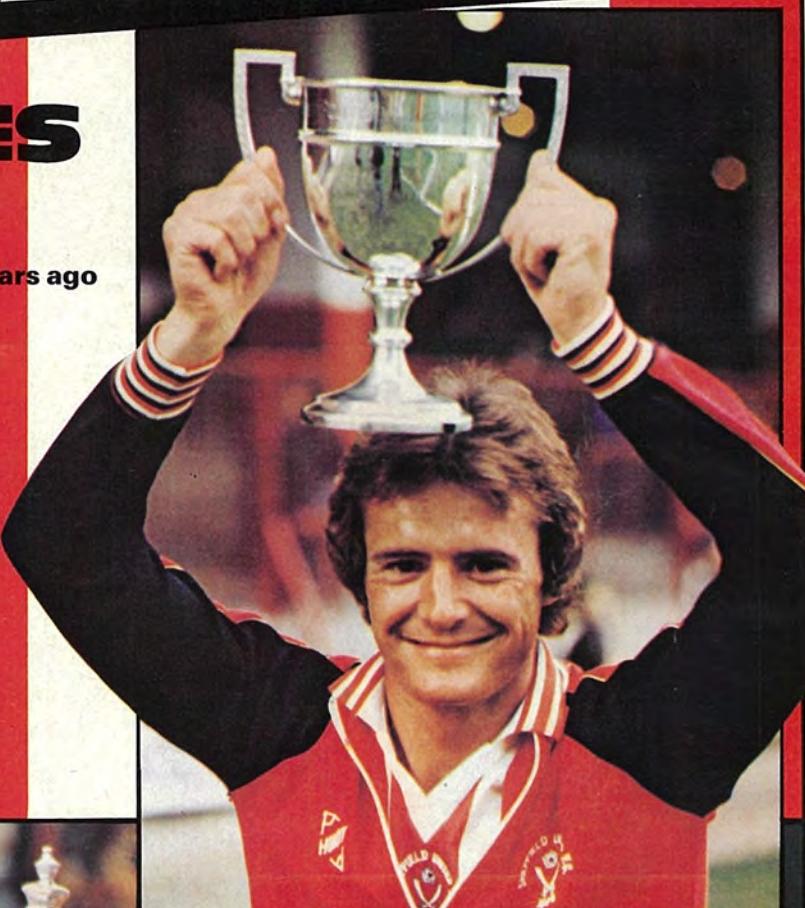
- The League's only unbeaten home record.
- The most League points (96).
- The most League wins (27).

Just for good measure, United striker Keith Edwards finished the season as the League's top scorer with an incredible 36 goals.

Over the next two pages, 'Match' pays tribute to their great season.

Right: United's Jeff King steals a moment of personal glory with the prized piece of silverware.

Below: Champions all! The victorious Sheffield United players celebrate with the Fourth Division Championship trophy.



SHEFFIELD United manager Ian Porterfield has issued a warning to his Fourth Division Championship winning side.

"Anyone who thinks the job at Bramall Lane is done after winning promotion shouldn't be here. Next season is going to be harder than the last one," he promises.

While his players basked in the sun after a long, successful season, Ian was still behind his desk plotting next season's Third Division campaign.

"I'm totally dedicated to getting this club back to the top flight, so my next aim has to be promotion from the Third Division."

"It was only six years ago that Sheffield United were in the First Division. We've got the potential, stadium and crowds to get back there."

"When the players report back for pre-season training, it will be my job to bring them back to earth. They've got to start all over again."

Last season was the second successive year that the former Sunderland star has led a side to a Championship victory. Before joining 'The Blades', he managed Rotherham to the Third Division trophy.



● 'Blades' manager Ian Porterfield.

His decision to take over ailing giants Sheffield United last season surprised many people. They'd just been relegated to the Football League basement and confidence was low.

"I led Rotherham to the Second Division for the first time in 13 years, but I was prepared to give up that high grade of football to take over at Sheffield."

"One of the main influences on

my decision to move to Bramall Lane was the chairman Reginald Brealey.

"It's important to have a happy working relationship and I felt I could achieve that with the United chairman."

"When I first arrived at Bramall Lane, the atmosphere was unbelievable. There was a tremendous depression around the place after relegation."

"My first job was to breathe new life into the club and bring in new enthusiasm," says Ian, who made his name as a player by scoring the winning goal for Sunderland in the 1973 FA Cup Final against Leeds.

"It was also important that I got to know the players, so I took them to Scotland and Sweden pre-season. However good your facilities are, the important thing in a club is the playing staff."

Ian strengthened his side almost immediately after taking charge and splashed out £90,000 to bring highly-rated goalkeeper Keith Waugh from Peterborough and midfielder Paul Richardson from Stoke.

"It was important that we got off to a good start to the season, but it didn't happen that way. We won just two of our first five matches."

"We only lost four times in the League last season and two of those defeats came in that opening spell."

Look-out

"Five games into the season, I felt we needed a new striker so I went to Hull and bought Keith Edwards. He repaid me by scoring 35 League goals."

Even when things were going well for United, Ian was always on the look-out for new players and, mid-way through the season, he got midfielder Jeff King from city neighbours Sheffield Wednesday on a free transfer and then paid out £100,000 for striker Colin Morris.

"Although Jeff came on a free, his signing was very important. He played down the left and Colin slotted in on the right."

"At the time, I felt it was important to get a couple of new faces in the side and both lads have done well for me."

"I don't like to single players out because promotion this season has been a team effort and all the lads have done well," says Ian.

"The championship is won over

AU^L WAY

SHEFFIELD UNITED'S TEN-YEAR LEAGUE RECORD

Season	Division	Position
1971-72	One	10th
1972-73	One	14th
1973-74	One	13th
1974-75	One	6th
1975-76	One	22nd
1976-77	Two	11th
1977-78	Two	12th
1978-79	Two	20th
1979-80	Three	12th
1980-81	Three	21st
1981-82	Four	1st

10 months and it has been a tough season for everyone — especially this year with the terrible winter we had."

That winter brought its own special problems as Ian explains: "It was difficult to keep everyone interested and bubbling while we were having matches postponed."

History

Now the Fourth Division Championship is a piece of history for the highly-rated young manager. He's now working busily for next season.

He's already gone back to his old club Sunderland and signed midfielder Kevin Arnott on a free transfer. "I am always looking to improve my team," he says.

"Kevin was an apprentice when I was at Roker Park so I've known him since he was a boy. He's got a lot of ability and talent. It's up to me to make him realise it."

No review of United's season would be complete without mention of the fantastic support the club received throughout the campaign. The average home gate was 15,000!

"The supporters have been tremendous. They've played a very important part in our success," says Ian.

● NEXT WEEK: Spotlight on Scottish Premier Division champions Celtic.

SHEFFIELD UNITED'S ROUTE TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Date	Opponents	Score/scorers	Attendance
Aug. 29	Hereford (h)	2-2 (Neville, Matthews)	11,906
Sept. 5	Wigan (a)	1-0 (Kenworthy)	8,001
Sept. 12	Colchester (h)	1-0 (Hatton)	11,293
Sept. 19	Hull (a)	1-2 (Hatton)	7,219
Sept. 21	Stockport (a)	0-1	5,450
Sept. 26	Scunthorpe (h)	1-0 (Kenworthy)	11,687
Sept. 29	Crewe (h)	4-0 (Edwards 2, Hatton 2)	11,512
Oct. 3	York (a)	4-3 (Trusson 2, Hatton, Kenworthy pen.)	5,557
Oct. 10	Port Vale (a)	2-0 (Edwards, Richardson)	7,289
Oct. 17	Hartlepool (h)	1-1 (Edwards)	12,752
Oct. 20	Mansfield (h)	4-1 (Edwards 2, Trusson, Kenworthy pen.)	12,727
Oct. 24	Bradford (a)	2-0 (Edwards, Neville)	13,711
Oct. 31	Blackpool (h)	3-1 (Hatton 2, Trusson)	15,566
Nov. 3	Northampton (a)	2-1 (Trusson 2)	4,168
Nov. 7	Tranmere (h)	2-0 (Edwards, Hatton)	13,454
Nov. 14	Torquay (a)	1-1 (Edwards)	4,962
Nov. 28	Bournemouth (a)	0-0	9,855
Dec. 5	Aldershot (h)	2-0 (Kenworthy, Neville)	11,541
Jan. 2	Halifax (h)	2-2 (Hatton, Kenworthy pen.)	11,623
Jan. 16	Rochdale (a)	1-0 (Edwards)	3,000
Jan. 26	Darlington (h)	0-0	11,517
Jan. 30	Hull (h)	0-0	12,612
Feb. 6	Colchester (a)	2-5 (Kenworthy pen., Edwards)	5,194
Feb. 9	Stockport (h)	4-0 (Edwards 2, King, Matthews)	11,603
Feb. 13	York (h)	4-0 (Edwards 2, Hatton, Trusson)	12,901
Feb. 17	Hereford (a)	1-1 (Trusson)	3,085
Feb. 20	Scunthorpe (a)	1-2 (Kenworthy pen.)	8,105
Feb. 27	Port Vale (h)	2-1 (Kenworthy pen., Edwards)	13,813
Mar. 6	Hartlepool (a)	3-2 (Hatton, Trusson, Edwards)	4,145
Mar. 8	Mansfield (a)	1-1 (Kenworthy)	8,951
Mar. 16	Northampton (h)	7-3 (Edwards 3, Hatton 2, MacPhail, Neville)	15,016
Mar. 20	Blackpool (a)	1-0 (Edwards)	7,542
Mar. 23	Wigan (h)	1-1 (Edwards)	22,336
Mar. 27	Tranmere (a)	2-2 (Kenworthy 2 pens.)	4,661
Mar. 30	Bradford (h)	1-1 (Trusson)	24,593
Apr. 3	Torquay (h)	4-1 (Matthews, Morris, Edwards, Trusson)	14,992
Apr. 10	Bury (h)	1-1 (Edwards)	14,705
Apr. 12	Halifax (a)	5-1 (Edwards 2, Kenworthy 2 (1 pen), Charles)	8,077
Apr. 12	Aldershot (a)	1-1 (Morris)	4,100
Apr. 17	Peterborough (a)	4-0 (Edwards 2, Morris, King)	13,439
Apr. 24	Bournemouth (h)	0-0	18,593
Apr. 27	Bury (a)	1-1 (Edwards)	6,650
May 1	Crewe (a)	3-2 (King 2, Edwards)	6,186
May 4	Rochdale (h)	3-1 (Edwards 2, Hatton)	21,140
May 8	Peterborough (h)	4-0 (Edwards 2, Kenworthy, Morris)	23,923
May 15	Darlington (a)	2-0 (Hatton, Edwards)	11,130

THE UP!

DIVISION ONE'S
THE TARGET FOR
SHEFFIELD UNITED



Below: United's Tony Kenworthy (left) and John MacPhail salute the fans after clinching the title.
Above: The goal that was worth £6,000! United's Keith Edwards scores his second in the 4-0 home victory over Peterborough in May. It earned him £5,000 from Pepsi Cola as the first player to score 35 League goals and he got an extra £1,000 for finishing the season as the division's top scorer.



Mystery man is named . . .

WELL, did you manage to name the 'mystery' man on the England team picture above?

When we first used the picture, our phones never stopped ringing with people asking for the identity of the player circled.

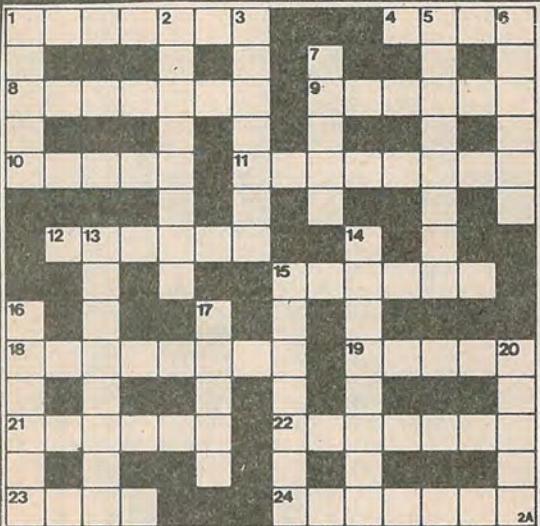
So we decided to run a competition in our May 29 issue giving £5 as a prize to the first correct entry pulled from the postbag.

And the lucky winner is J. Stockham of Chepstow, Gwent.

For those of you who didn't know, the answer was: former Middlesbrough player Willie Madden.



SOCCEWORD



Down

- The name of that bulldog! (5)
- Striker who has won caps whilst with Villa and Wolves (4,4)
- 'Caroline' (anagram) — remove nothing and leave brothers John and Phil (7)
- A defender in Scotland's World Cup forty but not in the final party (8)
- Halifax drew this many League games at home and away last season (6)
- Bobby Moore wrote a book called *My Soccer* — (5)
- A typical — match could involve the first

MATCH 'EM UP!

MATCH up the following lower division strikers with their respective clubs.

1	Steve Phillips	A	Portsmouth
2	Keith Walwyn	B	Hull
3	Billy Rafferty	C	Southend
4	Les Mutrie	D	Preston
5	Alex Bruce	E	York

Riddle time

I MADE my England debut against Switzerland in 1978. I was born on Merseyside but my first League club was Bury for whom I made almost 100 League appearances. I'm now with my third English club.

The answer to last week's 'Riddle Time' was: Celtic's Danny McGrain.

Don't miss next week's issue for a new riddle and the answer to this week's poser.

MATCH OF THE WEEK

**THUMP NOT
THAT ROSE**
VS.
**RADAR SCORES
ON TV'S**



CAN you unravel these jumbled letters to find out which two teams are playing.

QUICK QUIZ

TEST your knowledge of last season with this 'Quick Quiz'. If you score 8-10 consider yourself a football expert; 6-8 good; below 6, keep reading 'Match'.

- Name the three teams promoted to the Second Division.
- Who was the only player to score five goals in a League game last season?
- Which side amassed the most League points?
- Liverpool were beaten four times in the First Division at Anfield. By who?
- Tottenham celebrated the official opening of their new stand by beating which First Division team 6-1 in February?
- Brian Horton skippered Luton to the First Division. Where did he start his League career?
- Former England midfielder Stan Bowles played most of the season for which Third Division club?
- Liverpool clinched the League Championship against which team and by what score?
- Name the four clubs who had to seek re-election to the Fourth Division.
- Southampton splashed out to buy two Third Division players just before the transfer deadline. Who were they?

SOLUTIONS

MATCH QUIZ: 1. Burnley; 2. Carlisle; 3. Shrewsbury; 4. Ipswich Town; 5. Man. Utd; 6. Port Vale; 7. Brentford; 8. Brighton; 9. Southampton; 10. Millwall; 11. Macclesfield; 12. Bradford City; 13. Fleetwood; 14. Plymouth Argyle; 15. Walsall; 16. Grimsby; 17. Bury; 18. Charlton; 19. See 23 across; 20. Droylsden; 21. See 11 & 12 across; 22. Hollins; 23 & 19 across; 24. Madeline; 25. Aldington; 26. Dorey; 27. Hoddle; 28. Richards; 29. See 23 across; 30. Young; 31 & 22 across; 32. Brechin; 33. Tebbit; 34. Shrewsbury; 35. (Sunderland); 36. (Sheffield United); 37. (Birmingham); 38. (Middlesbrough); 39. (Derby); 40. (Plymouth); 41. (Southampton); 42. (Brentford); 43. (Bury); 44. (Southampton); 45. (Sheffield Wednesday); 46. (Brentford); 47. (Southampton); 48. (Southampton); 49. (Southampton); 50. (Southampton); 51. (Southampton); 52. (Southampton); 53. (Southampton); 54. (Southampton); 55. (Southampton); 56. (Southampton); 57. (Southampton); 58. (Southampton); 59. (Southampton); 60. 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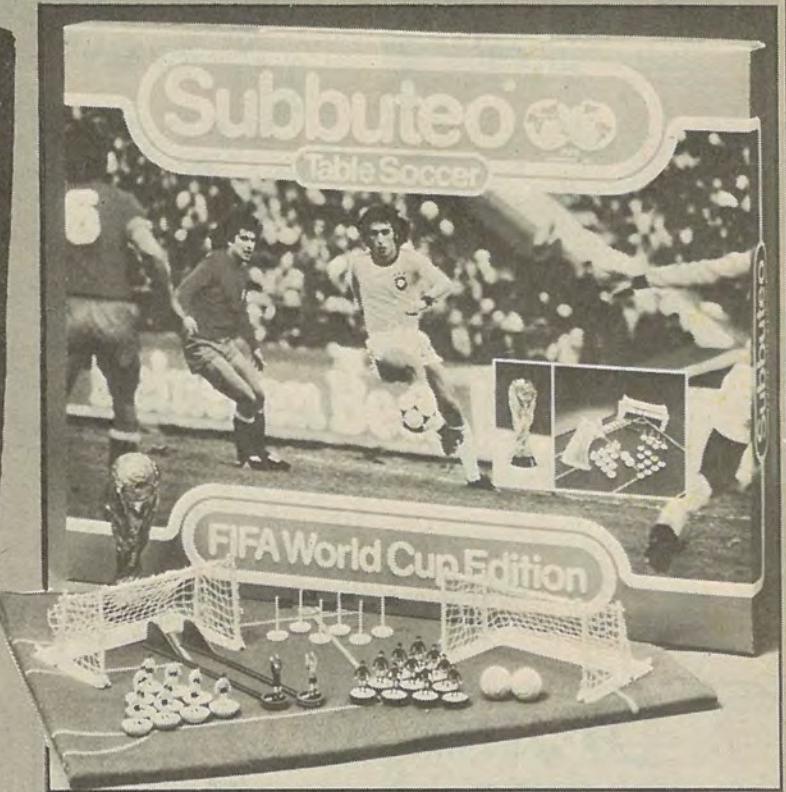
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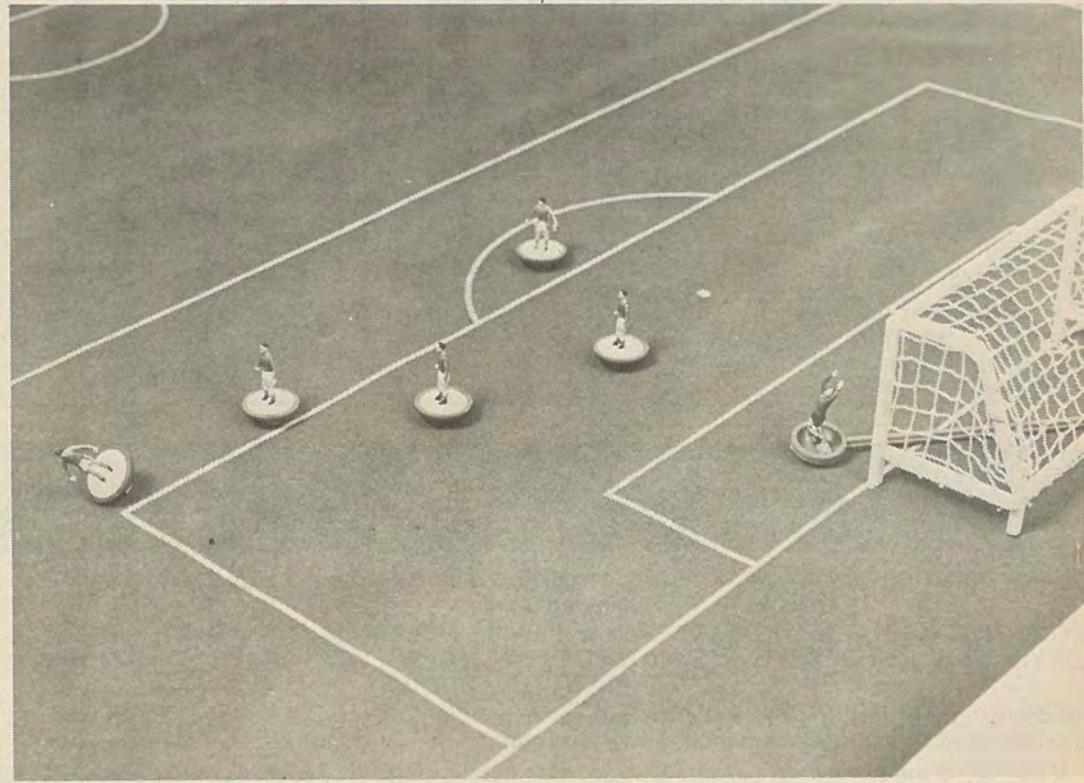
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AN exclusive 'Match Weekly' guide to soccer attendances last season.



Goalmouth drama for a packed White Hart Lane crowd as Mark Falco prepares to shoot for goal against Everton. The fans flocked to see Spurs play last season.

DIVISION ONE

	1981-82			1980-81		
	Total	League	Gate	Total	League	Difference
*Swansea	381,882	18,716	6	276,008	3	+105,884
Tottenham	747,797	35,580	4	645,198	10	+102,889
*Notts County	244,882	11,649	15	200,580	2	+44,882
Leeds	464,560	22,121	20	448,925	9	+15,635
Man. City	715,282	34,061	10	705,328	12	+9,954
Man. United	938,887	44,691	3	946,401	8	-7,514
*West Ham	558,281	26,584	9	569,948	1	-11,026
Southampton	437,362	20,826	7	451,114	6	-13,752
Stoke	306,906	14,614	18	327,183	11	-20,277
Everton	518,066	24,669	8	548,211	15	-30,145
Ipswich	457,213	21,772	2	517,002	2	-42,732
Birmingham	358,454	17,069	16	404,199	13	-45,745
Liverpool	737,897	35,135	1	788,490	5	-50,883
Middlesbrough	282,045	13,430	22	345,076	14	-63,031
West Brom	349,887	16,651	17	426,954	4	-77,067
Coventry	275,835	13,135	14	354,986	16	-79,151
Wolves	370,172	15,246	21	452,570	18	-82,398
Nott'm Forest	417,600	19,885	12	514,133	7	-96,533
Brighton	298,727	14,225	13	398,660	19	-99,933
Arsenal	581,458	27,688	5	682,077	3	-100,619
Sunderland	415,886	19,777	19	556,010	17	-140,724
Aston Villa	562,053	26,764	11	706,465	1	-144,412

TOTAL FOR THE SEASON — 10,421,186.

Down 971,708 (worst attendances since last war).

*Promoted clubs.

DIVISION TWO

	1981-82			1980-81		
	Total	League	Gate	Total	League	pos
Luton	246,402	11,733	1	216,106	5	+30,296
Watford	305,215	14,534	2	275,268	9	+29,947
*Rotherham	211,572	10,074	7	183,662	1	+27,910
Q.P.R.	256,388	12,206	5	229,663	8	+26,885
Newcastle	360,880	17,190	9	336,015	11	+24,865
*Barnsley	318,010	15,143	6	294,407	2	+23,603
Oldham	156,889	7,451	11	136,712	15	+20,777
Sheff Wed	400,774	19,055	4	391,104	10	+9,670
Cambridge	106,581	5,075	14	121,711	13	-15,130
Shrewsbury	96,051	4,573	18	117,945	14	-21,894
Cardiff	117,250	5,583	20	142,098	19	-24,848
*Charlton	140,529	6,691	13	165,739	3	-25,210
Orient	95,324	4,539	22	127,591	17	-32,267
Bolton	161,541	7,692	19	206,796	18	-45,255
Wrexham	89,440	4,259	21	136,935	16	-46,955
*Norwich	311,977	14,856	3	359,943	20	-47,966
Grimsby	176,472	8,403	17	230,175	7	-53,703
Blackburn	180,888	8,613	10	245,357	4	-64,889
Chelsea	274,399	13,114	12	375,832	12	-101,433
Derby	248,080	11,813	16	350,320	6	-102,240
*Leicester	297,831	14,182	8	408,993	21	-111,162
t.C. Palace	202,305	9,633	15	404,877	22	-202,572

TOTAL: 4,754,088. Down 421,354 (lowest since war).

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FAVOURITE AWAY TEAMS

DIVISION ONE

Team	Ave away gate
1 Liverpool	28,841
2 Man. United	27,238
3 Tottenham	26,729
4 West Ham	24,693
5 Southampton	23,826
6 Aston Villa	23,097
7 Man. City	22,854
8 Swansea	22,683
9 Ipswich	22,584
10 Leeds	22,150

DIVISION TWO

Team	Ave away gate
1 Chelsea	12,853
2 Sheff Wed	12,584
3 Luton	11,809
4 Barnsley	11,380
5 Watford	11,269
6 Leicester	11,192
7 Q.P.R.	11,011
8 Newcastle	10,894
9 Rotherham	10,850
10 C. Palace	10,591

DIVISION THREE

Team	Ave away gate
1 Chesterfield	5,786
2 Fulham	5,737
3 Bristol Rvs	5,690
4 Burnley	5,626
5 Lincoln	5,534
6 Swindon	5,265
7 Millwall	5,225
8 Huddersfield	5,183
9 Preston	5,121
10 Reading	5,100

DIVISION FOUR

Team	Ave away gate
1 Sheff. United	6,977
2 Wigan	4,817
3 Bradford	4,690
4 Bournemouth	3,975
5 Peterborough	3,862
6 Bury	3,799
7 Hull	3,707
8 Blackpool	3,689
9 Port Vale	3,544
10 Crewe	3,392

Spurs pack 'em in . . .

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SUPER Spurs showed soccer the way last season.

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Our exclusive survey shows that the total gate at White Hart Lane was up by almost 103,000 on the previous season.

And it proves that the so-called 'missing fans' will come back . . . if the football is entertaining.

Spurs increase was bettered only by Swansea who were enjoying First Division football for the first time in club history.

The 'Swans' packed in almost 106,000 extra fans and other First Division clubs doing their bit to halt the great soccer spectator

drain were Notts County, Manchester City and Leeds.

Thirty-four clubs actually increased their total attendances — 14 of them in the Fourth Division.

And while last season's crowd totals were down by almost two million, the drop the previous season was higher by more than 700,000.

In the Second Division, eight clubs attracted extra support.

Champions Luton saw the biggest increase at the turnstiles and Watford, Rotherham, QPR, Newcastle, Barnsley, Oldham and Sheffield Wednesday all found more fans.

In Division Three, an extra 47,180 spectators turned up at Craven Cottage to watch Fulham and six other clubs showed increases — Oxford, Gillingham, Burnley,

Carlisle, Wimbledon and Millwall.

The total attendances in Division Four were actually up by more than 300,000 on the previous season — Bournemouth, Bradford and champions Sheffield United making the biggest impact.

But for all the good news, it was a season of financial worry for most clubs.

European champions Aston Villa lost 144,412 fans and even Liverpool and Manchester United suffered decreases.

Crystal Palace of the Second Division fared worst of all — their total gate for the season being over 200,000 down on 1980-81.

And that means a loss of nearly half a million fans over the past two seasons at Selhurst Park.

Our exclusive tables tell their own story.



Frank Worthington's end-of-season goal flurry helped pull in the crowds for Leeds.

DIVISION THREE

	1981-82			1980-81		
	Total Gate	League pos	Total Gate	League pos	Difference	
Fulham	163,557	7,111	116,377	13	+47,180	
Oxford	129,187	5,616	95,043	14	+34,144	
Gillingham	121,812	5,296	107,547	15	+14,265	
Burnley	159,830	6,949	148,791	8	+11,039	
Carlisle	101,330	4,405	93,467	19	+7,863	
*Wimbledon	60,102	2,613	57,133	4	+2,969	
Millwall	106,107	4,613	103,355	16	+2,752	
†Bristol Rvs	124,210	5,400	124,509	22	-299	
*Doncaster	120,173	5,224	124,471	3	-4,298	
Walsall	86,122	3,744	98,093	20	-11,971	
*Lincoln	95,300	4,143	108,449	2	-13,149	
Exeter	88,847	3,862	104,859	11	-16,012	
Chester	43,266	1,881	66,518	18	-23,252	
Newport	103,039	4,479	130,701	12	-27,662	
*Southend	109,934	4,779	140,196	1	-30,262	
Swindon	127,872	5,559	159,449	17	-31,577	
†Preston	126,133	5,484	160,246	20	-34,113	
Reading	86,859	3,776	125,090	10	-38,231	
Plymouth	110,229	4,792	155,626	7	-45,397	
Brentford	101,076	4,394	155,297	9	-54,221	
†Bristol City	144,968	6,302	205,063	21	-60,095	
Chesterfield	104,614	4,548	168,616	5	-64,002	
Huddersfield	155,154	6,745	265,602	4	-110,448	
Portsmouth	196,648	8,549	310,830	6	-114,182	

TOTAL: 2,766,375. Down 871,479 (worst since the war).

†Relegated clubs.

*Promoted clubs.

DIVISION FOUR

	1981-82			1980-81		
	Total Gate	League pos	Total Gate	League pos	Difference	
Bournemouth	136,468	5,933	77,731	13	+58,737	
Bradford	123,774	5,381	65,741	14	+58,033	
†Sheff. United	341,805	14,861	293,758	21	+48,047	
Wigan	135,173	5,877	101,985	11	+33,188	
Port Vale	83,186	3,616	62,973	19	+20,213	
Bury	81,734	3,553	63,200	12	+18,534	
Peterborough	107,424	4,670	95,148	5	+12,276	
Halifax	52,084	2,264	44,258	23	+7,826	
Torquay	52,366	2,276	47,151	17	+5,215	
†Colchester	65,767	2,859	60,840	22	+4,927	
Stockport	58,620	2,548	53,711	20	+4,909	
Hereford	60,662	2,637	56,216	22	+4,446	
York	54,290	2,360	51,634	24	+2,656	
Northampton	53,036	2,305	53,024	10	+12	
Darlington	56,323	2,448	58,350	8	-2,027	
Scunthorpe	50,610	2,200	54,213	16	-3,603	
Tranmere	40,094	1,743	43,726	21	-3,632	
†Hull	91,839	3,993	99,339	24	-7,500	
Rochdale	47,933	2,084	56,576	15	-8,643	
Mansfield	61,933	2,692	78,204	7	-16,271	
Crewe	50,578	2,199	66,904	18	-16,326	
Aldershot	49,860	2,167	68,748	6	-18,888	
Hartlepool	47,256	2,054	71,637	9	-24,381	
†Blackpool	99,296	4,317	134,848	23	-35,552	

TOTAL: 2,002,111. Up 300,732.

†Relegated clubs.

The GLENN HODDLE Column



The Spurs and England midfield maestro talks of the news that made him so glad . . . and the news that made him so sad. Don't miss his regular columns throughout the World Cup — only in 'Match'.

Daddy's delight

I'M going to be a dad and, right now, that makes me one of the happiest men in Spain!

My wife Anne is expecting our first baby in December and I'm more chuffed about that than anything else.

She's out in Spain, too, at the moment having flown out with the wives of Graham Rix and Kenny Sansom.

They've got a couple of kids so Anne will be able to get in some practice!

While they'll be at the games, we won't see them until England's involvement in the World Cup is over.

So, I hope the first time we meet up again is after the Final!

News of the baby caps what has been a great year for me.

Obviously, winning the FA Cup for the second year running was the crowning moment of my season with Spurs.

And then to be named in the England squad for the World Cup Finals was more great news.

Ironically though, Spurs' success in the FA Cup probably cost me the chance of making the line-up for England's opening game against France.

The fact that the Final went to a replay meant that I missed both the match against Holland and the clash with Scotland and I would have hoped to play in one of those games.

So my last chance to stake a claim came against Iceland the week before we flew out and it couldn't have gone better for me.

It was one of my best performances in a season which I consider to have been the best of my career so far.

Iceland were quite a good side but we should have won by a lot of goals.

I played in a central midfield role and, although I'm more used to playing on the right side, I've played in the middle for Spurs a few times this season and I'm just as happy in that position.

I didn't really see the Iceland game as a make-or-break match to decide whether or not I went to Spain because the boss knows what I can do, but it was nice to turn in a good performance.

It was still a relief when I got the phone call to say I had made the final 22.

By the time you read this, we may already have played our opener against

France and I must say I didn't expect to be in the team that started the match.

With things going so well for the team that played Finland in the final warm-up match, it would have been very difficult for the boss to change the line-up.

He can only pick 11 players and everyone in the squad accepts that.

The spirit among the lads out here is fantastic and those players not picked to play will be right behind the team.

England's build-up to the Finals was superb — things couldn't have gone any better.

We were doing well in training and then making it happen on the park. I just hope it stays that way now we are in Spain.

There's only one cloud on the horizon for me at the moment and that is Spurs losing the talents of Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa.

It now looks certain that they will never play in England again because of our war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands.

I believe it's a real loss to our football and it's very saddening, but it's out of the hands of the players.

Ossie and Ricky proved to be two of the biggest successes of all the foreign players that have come over to England.

They made people want to see them play with their special brand of South American flair. They became better players for their experience in the English First Division and our own players learned so much from them.

When we said goodbye to Ossie after our FA Cup Semi-Final tie against Leicester, we never dreamed it was going to be the last time we saw him.

I just wish the two of them every success wherever they begin the new season.

Talk to you again soon . . .

Glenn Hoddle

Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton.

Focus on West Ham's
Belgian World Cup ace . . .

Francois Van der Elst

FULL NAME: Francois Van der Elst.

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Opwyk, Belgium/Dec. 1, 1954.

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 9ins/11st 10lbs.

MARRIED: Yes, to Gratienne.

CHILDREN: Kevin (3) and Doreen (22 months).

CAR: Ford Granada 2.8.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Anderlecht and New York Cosmos.

TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Student.

CLUB NICKNAME: 'Franky'.

WORST EVER INJURY: Twisted ankle in 1976 — I was out for two months.

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: England skipper Kevin Keegan — he's got very good skill on the ball and he's a proven goalscorer.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Anderlecht.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: West Germany's Karl-Heinz Rummenigge — he's a complete player.

BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Stiles, Moore, Charlton J., Cooper (all England), Bremner (Scotland), Keegan, Charlton R. (England), Best (N. Ireland), Dalglish (Scotland), Greaves (England).

ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Yashin (Russia), Kaltz (W. Ger.), Carlos Alberto (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W. Ger.), Cooper, Keegan (England), Cruyff (Holland), Rivelino (Brazil), Maradona (Argentina), Pele (Brazil), Nehoda (Czechoslovakia).

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Aztec Stadium, Mexico.

BEST GOAL SCORED: For Belgium against Scotland (1978).

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: By Pele for Brazil against Czechoslovakia in 1970 World Cup.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Daniel Passarella (Argentina).
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Belgian Cup Final when Anderlecht lost to FC Bruges 4-3.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Playing in the Belgian Cup Final at 17.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: In 1972 when a club manager told me I wasn't good enough to become a professional footballer.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing cards, winning and scoring goals.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Losing and shopping.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Dallas.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Political programmes.

FAVOURITE READING: Sports magazines.

FAVOURITE POP STAR: Gene Pitney.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish and steak.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Carlsberg lager.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Terence Hill and Bo Derek.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Stripes.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My parents.

WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Bad injuries.

SUPERSTITIONS: None.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Full caps for Belgium.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To make my wife and children happy.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play in the FA Cup Final at Wembley.

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I hope to have my own business.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Pope John Paul.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work very hard at training and listen to the coaches.



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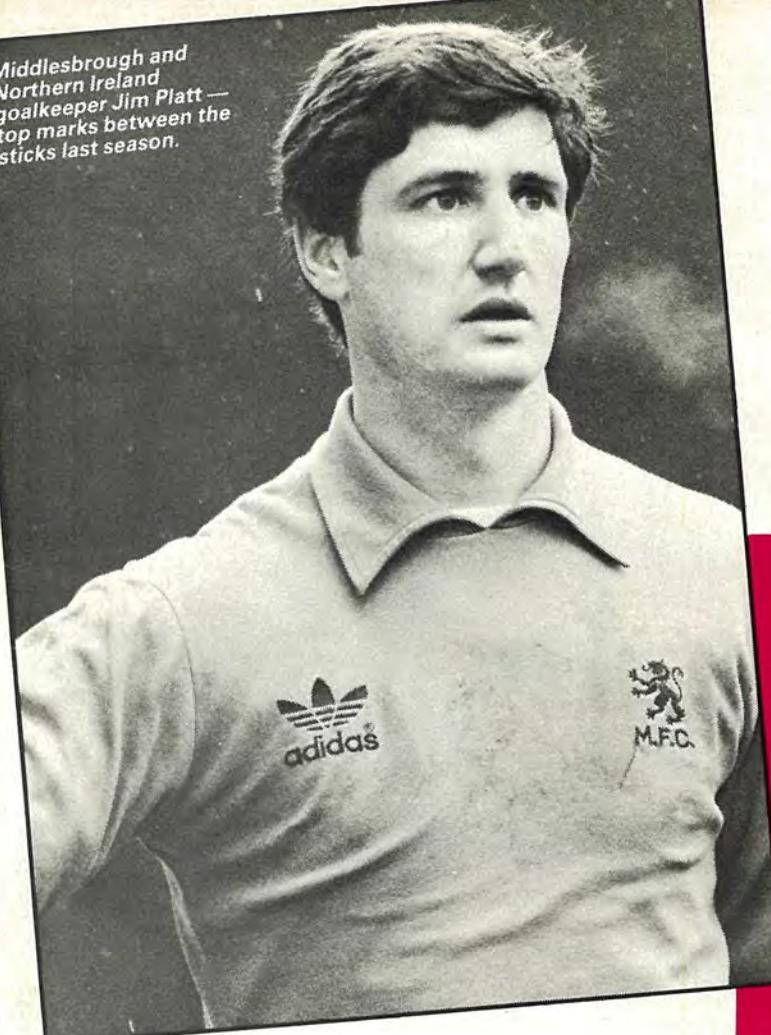
BACK ROW (left to right): Bryan Robson, Tony Woodcock, Steve Foster, Glenn Hoddle, Peter Withe, Viv Anderson, Trevor Brooking.

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MIDDLE ROW: Steve Coppell, Graham Rix, Phil Thompson, Ray Clemence, Joe Corrigan, Peter Shilton, Terry Butcher, Trevor Francis, Ray Wilkins. FRONT ROW: Kenny Sansom, Terry McDermott, Paul Mariner, Kevin Keegan (captain), Mick Mills, Phil Neal.

Middlesbrough and
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goalkeeper Jim Platt —
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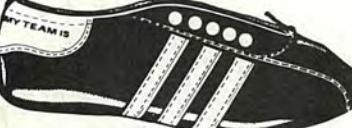
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GRAEME Souness, skipper of League Champions Liverpool, was the top player in the First Division last season.

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His consistency in the hub of Liverpool's ruthless machine proved a key factor as the 'Anfield Army' ground out victory after victory in a scintillating second

half of the season.

Four Liverpool players figured in the top ten of our chart — underlining their power and dominance in a season which saw them collect their 13th League title and retain the League Cup.

Scotland boss Jock Stein will be hoping that midfield kingpin Graeme continues in the same consistent vein as the Scots attempt to recover their World Cup pride in Spain.

The other Liverpool players in the top bracket included Graeme's Scottish colleague Kenny Dalglish — last year's 'Matchman of the Year'.

This time, Kenny had to make do with fourth equal alongside England and Manchester City striker Trevor Francis.

Two other Anfield men in the top bracket are newcomers — top scorer Ian Rush and Irish imp Ronnie Whelan — who exploded into the big time last season with the force of meteorites.

But the man who pushed Graeme for top spot came from a side which spent most of the season at the bottom of the table.

Heroics

Despite the heroics of Northern Ireland goalkeeper Jim Platt, Middlesbrough face next season in the Second Division.

But at least Jim had the distinction of being the top 'keeper in the division.

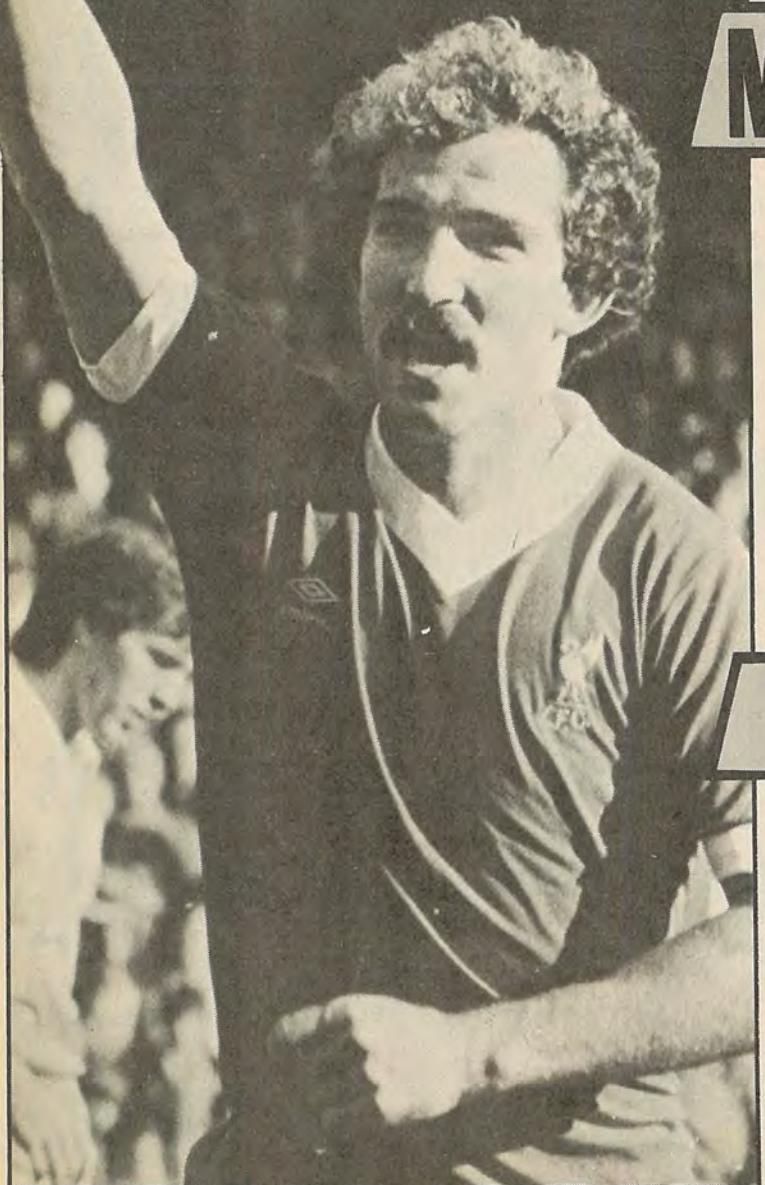
In third place was another 'Match' columnist, England skipper Kevin Keegan, who was the division's top scorer with 26 League goals for Southampton.

West Ham skipper Billy Bonds, who missed the closing weeks of the season following a bout of jaundice, was the top defender, finishing ahead of his Everton opposite number Mike Lyons.

● Don't miss next week's 'Match' to discover the identity of the Second Division's 'Matchman of the Year'... and find out how your favourite player fared.

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MATCHMAN OF THE YEAR



DIVISION ONE

PLAYER	CLUB	AVERAGE
1 Graeme Souness	Liverpool	7.37
2 Jim Platt	Middlesbrough	7.35
3 Kevin Keegan	Southampton	7.29
4 Kenny Dalglish	Liverpool	7.26
4 Trevor Francis	Man. City	7.26
6 Iain Rush	Liverpool	7.21
6 Peter Fox	Stoke	7.21
8 Alan Brazil	Ipswich	7.20
9 Ronnie Whelan	Liverpool	7.15
10 Trevor Brooking	West Ham	7.14
11 Billy Bonds	West Ham	7.13
12 Graeme Sharp	Everton	7.11
13 Glenn Hoddle	Tottenham	7.08
14 Mike Lyons	Everton	7.07
14 Alan Curtis	Swansea	7.07
14 Osvaldo Ardiles	Tottenham	7.07
17 Kevin Dillon	Birmingham	7.05
18 Mike Hazard	Tottenham	7.03
19 Iain McCulloch	Notts County	7.02
19 Alan Devonshire	West Ham	7.02

The table above shows the top twenty most consistent performers in the First Division last season together with their average mark for the year.
To qualify, players must have played

in at least 20 League games for one club.

The tables below show the top ten most consistent performers in the various departments on the pitch.

GOALKEEPERS

1 Jim Platt	Middlesbrough	7.35
2 Peter Fox	Stoke	7.21
3 Phil Parkes	West Ham	6.97
4 Joe Corrigan	Man. City	6.94
5 Peter Shilton	Nott'm Forest	6.92
6 Graham Moseley	Brighton	6.90
7 Raddy Avramovic	Notts County	6.88
8 Ray Clemence	Tottenham	6.86
9 Chris Turner	Sunderland	6.85
10 Nev Southall	Everton	6.84

DEFENDERS

1 Billy Bonds	West Ham	7.13
2 Mike Lyons	Everton	7.07
3 Gary Stevens	Brighton	7.00
4 George Burley	Ipswich	6.92
5 Terry Butcher	Ipswich	6.85
6 Russell Osman	Ipswich	6.84
7 Billy Wright	Everton	6.82
8 Kenny Sansom	Arsenal	6.80
9 Derek Statham	West Brom	6.77
9 Gary Gillespie	Coventry	6.77

MIDFIELD

1 Graeme Souness	Liverpool	7.37
2 Ronnie Whelan	Liverpool	7.15
3 Trevor Brooking	West Ham	7.14
4 Glenn Hoddle	Tottenham	7.08
5 Osvaldo Ardiles	Tottenham	7.07
6 Kevin Dillon	Birmingham	7.05
7 Mike Hazard	Tottenham	7.03
8 Alan Devonshire	West Ham	7.02
9 Sammy Lee	Liverpool	6.97
10 Ray Wilkins	Man. United	6.95

STRIKERS

1 Kevin Keegan	Southampton	7.29
2 Kenny Dalglish	Liverpool	7.26
2 Trevor Francis	Man. City	7.26
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8 Iain McCulloch	Notts County	7.02
9 Cyrille Regis	West Brom	6.97
10 Garry Thompson	Coventry	6.88

Scottish ace Graeme Souness salutes his 'Matchman of the Year' award.

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Steve's inspiration

SPURS' battling FA Cup Final hero Graham Roberts has been an inspiration to players like Lincoln City's 'Player of the Season' Steve Thompson (right).

Just three years ago, the two were playing against each other in a non-League match between Weymouth and Boston. Now they are both full-time professionals. And central defender Steve admits: "Graham has done wonders for non-League players. He's given them hope that they can make the Football League grade."

Steve was 23-years-old when he decided to give up his promising job in newspaper advertising and risk a career in football.

And his decision has proved justified for, in only his second full season at Sincil Bank, Steve got the supporters' vote as their best player — despite missing a third of the season through injury.

"It's a tremendous honour for me," says Steve: "The start of the season was bleak because I was sidelined with a fracture of

the shin. I only made my comeback in November."

The supporters' accolade has helped make up for the disappointment of missing out on promotion to the Second Division. Lincoln finished fourth behind promoted Fulham.

"It would have been great to have gone up again after winning promotion from the Fourth Division the year before," says Steve, who was signed from Boston for £15,000.

"It's going to be harder to get promotion next season. Last term we were a surprise packet and no-one really knew that much about us. This time they'll be better prepared."

Steve is a product of manager Colin Murphy's third successful sortie into non-League football and follows the signings of fellow central defender Trevor Peake and Tony Cunningham.

In fact, Steve wrested the supporters award from his best friend and fellow defender Trevor. The club skipper had won the trophy for the previous two seasons!



THE FANS' CHOICE

PLAYERS OF THE YEAR DIVISION THREE

Club	Player	This Season	Total for club
		App.	Goals
Brentford	Stan Bowles	31	6
Bristol Rovers	David Williams	46	10
Burnley	Billy Hamilton	44	12
Chester	Grenville Millington	36	0
Chesterfield	Danny Wilson	43	4
Doncaster	Glynn Snodin	39	7
Exeter	George Foster	27	0
Gillingham	Steve Bruce	45	6
Huddersfield	Mick Kennedy	39	7
Lincoln	Steve Thompson	30	2
Millwall	Dean Horrix	41	14
Newport	Grant Davies	41	0
Oxford	Gary Briggs	44	1
Plymouth	John Sims	46	15
Portsmouth	Alan Knight	45	0
Preston	Don O'Riordan	46	3
Reading	Jerry Williams	44	0
Southend	Dave Cusack	43	5
Swindon	Kenny Stroud	28	0
Walsall	Peter Hart	45	1
Wimbledon	Francis Joseph	38	13
		App.	Goals

Only full League appearances are included in this table. At the time of going to Press, Bristol City, Carlisle, and Fulham had not announced their winners.

Glynn's sweet success

LIKE a classic racehorse, Doncaster's Glynn Snodin burst through in the last furlong to take his club's player of the season trophy.

The supporters' votes were updated after every game and, coming into the final straight, Glynn was neck and neck with fellow midfield man Steve Lister.

But he took advantage of Steve's late run of bad form to clinch the award — success that was all the sweeter for finishing second in the previous two years.

"I knew it was close, but it's not something you think about before the start of a game," says Glynn.

"I had too much on my plate helping the lads fight off relegation to think about anything else. But lying in the bath at the end of the game, I used to wonder how the fans had rated me."

"The award means everything to me. To be recognised in this way by the people who pay your wages is something special."

"I was specially pleased because I hadn't started the season at all well and, in fact, missed about two months in all with a back injury."

"Funnily enough, I was scoring a few goals at that time. The manager encouraged me to push forward more from midfield and it paid off."

Rovers' fans must have wondered whether they were coming or going last season as their team went to the top of the table but then slipped away to the relegation zone after a disastrous Christmas and New Year.

"The break because of bad weather really hit us hard and we never recovered," says Glynn. "And we also had a lot of bad luck with injuries."

"But football's a funny game. Liverpool looked out of the Championship at that time yet they were there at the end of the season. We just went the other way."

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Forest's top scorer Ian Wallace was the only player to score three goals in a game and still finish on the losing side when Birmingham ran out 4-3 winners on September 5.

Bob Latchford of Swansea scored the first hat-trick of the season in his side's 5-1 thrashing of Leeds on opening day.

And three players — Forest's Peter Davenport, Wrexham's Mick Vinter and Portsmouth's Jeff Hemmerman — shared the honour of hitting three on the final Saturday of the season.

Southampton had the most hat-tricks scored against them — conceding four from Paul Goddard (West Ham), Graham Roberts (Spurs), Alan Brazil (Ipswich) and Mark Hateley (Coventry).

And Peterborough and Wigan shared the honour of providing the most hat-tricks for their fans — Robbie Cooke (2) and Dave Syrett doing the damage for 'Posh' and Eamon O'Keeffe (2) and Les Bradd achieving the feat for Wigan.

Of all the hat-tricks scored, only 15 were scored by players playing away from home — eight in Division One, five in Division Two and two in Division Four.

The table right gives you a complete check on every League hat-trick.

Football League hat-tricks last season

DIVISION ONE

Date	Player	Opponents	Score
Aug. 29	Bob Latchford (Swansea)	v Leeds (h)	5-1
Sep. 2	David Cross (West Ham)	v Tottenham (a)	4-0
Sep. 5	Cyrille Regis (West Brom)	v Swanssea (h)	4-1
Oct. 31	Cyrille Regis (West Brom)	v Birmingham (a)	3-3
Sep. 5	Arthur Graham (Leeds)	v Wolves (h)	3-0
Sep. 5	Ian Wallace (Not'm F)	v Birmingham (a)	3-4
Sep. 19	Tony Evans (Birmingham)	v Man. City (h)	3-0
Sep. 22	Paul Goddard (West Ham)	v Southampton (h)	4-2
Oct. 3	Sammy McIlroy (Man. U)	v Wolves (h)	5-0
Jan. 26	Ian Rush (Liverpool)	v Notts County (a)	4-0
Feb. 6	Ricky Villa (Tottenham)	v Wolves (h)	6-1
Mar. 20	Graham Roberts (Tottenham)	v Southampton (h)	3-2
Feb. 16	Alan Brazil (Ipswich)	v Southampton (h)	5-2
Mar. 24	Iain McCulloch (Notts Co)	v West Brom (a)	4-2
Apr. 17	Trevor Christie (Notts Co)	v Brighton (h)	4-1
May 4	Mark Hateley (Coventry)	v Southampton (a)	5-5
May 8	Steve Whittom (Coventry)	v Man. City (a)	3-1
May 15	Peter Davenport (Not'm Forest)	v Ipswich (a)	3-1

DIVISION TWO

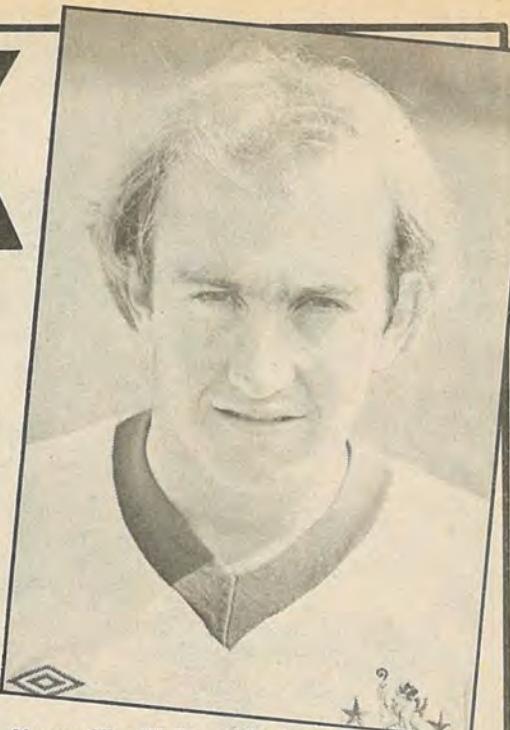
Oct. 3	Imre Varadi (Newcastle)	v Cardiff (a)	4-0
Oct. 17	Steve White (Luton)	v Grimsby (h)	6-0
Oct. 31	Rodney Fern (Rotherham)	v Chelsea (h)	6-0
Nov. 14	Simon Stainrod (QPR)	v Sheff. Wed (a)	3-1
Nov. 14	Ian Banks (Barnsley)	v Rotherham (a)	4-2
Nov. 28	Roger Wyld (Oldham)	v Wrexham (a)	3-0
Jan. 30	Clive Walker (Chelsea)	v Shrewsbury (h)	3-1
Mar. 20	Clive Allen (QPR)	v Charlton (h)	4-0
Mar. 20	Gary Stevens (Cardiff)	v Cambridge (h)	5-4
Apr. 10	John Deehan (Norwich)	v Charlton (h)	5-0
Apr. 17	Clive Walker (Chelsea)	v Grimsby (a)	3-3
Apr. 17	Brian Stein (Luton)	v Newcastle (h)	3-2
May 15	Mick Vinter (Wrexham)	v Rotherham (h)	3-2

DIVISION THREE

Oct. 17	Gordon Staniforth (Carlisle)	v Plymouth (h)	3-1
Nov. 7	Richard O'Kelly (Walsall)	v Newport (h)	3-1
Feb. 13	Billy Rafferty (Portsmouth)	v Chesterfield (h)	6-1
Feb. 14	Tony Tagg (Millwall)	v Exeter (h)	5-1
Mar. 10	Gordon Hobson (Lincoln)	v Doncaster (h)	5-0
Apr. 20	Bryan Robson (Carlisle)	v Exeter (h)	3-2
Apr. 27	Paul Rideout (Swindon)	v Chester (h)	3-0
May 15	Jeff Hemmerman (Portsmouth)	v Swindon (h)	3-0

DIVISION FOUR

Sep. 12	Robbie Cooke (Peterborough)	v Rochdale (h)	5-1
Sep. 12	Bobby Campbell (Bradford)	v York (h)	6-2
Sep. 30	Dave Bamber (Blackpool)	v Halifax (h)	7-1
Oct. 31	Craig Madden (Bury)	v Northampton (h)	7-1
Feb. 27	Craig Madden (Bury)	v Tranmere (h)	4-0
Nov. 2	Ian Allinson (Colchester)	v Mansfield (a)	3-1
Nov. 4	Dave Syrett (Peterborough)	v Aldershot (h)	7-1
Feb. 20	Les Mutrie (Hull)	v Hartlepool (h)	5-2
Feb. 27	Robbie Cooke (Peterborough)	v Hartlepool (h)	4-4
Feb. 28	David Speedie (Darlington)	v York (h)	3-1
Mar. 12	Les Bradd (Wigan)	v Scunthorpe (a)	7-2
Mar. 16	Keith Edwards (Sheff U)	v Northampton (h)	7-3
Apr. 10	Eamon O'Keeffe (Wigan)	v Crewe (h)	3-0
May 8	Eamon O'Keeffe (Wigan)	v Mansfield (h)	3-1
May 5	David McNiven (Bradford)	v Crewe (h)	4-1
Apr. 12	Alan Walsh (Darlington)	v Hartlepool (h)	5-2



Above: Clive Walker of Chelsea

— one of only five players to

score two League hat-tricks.

Below: Nottingham Forest

striker Ian Wallace — the only

player to score a League

hat-trick and still finish on the

losing side.



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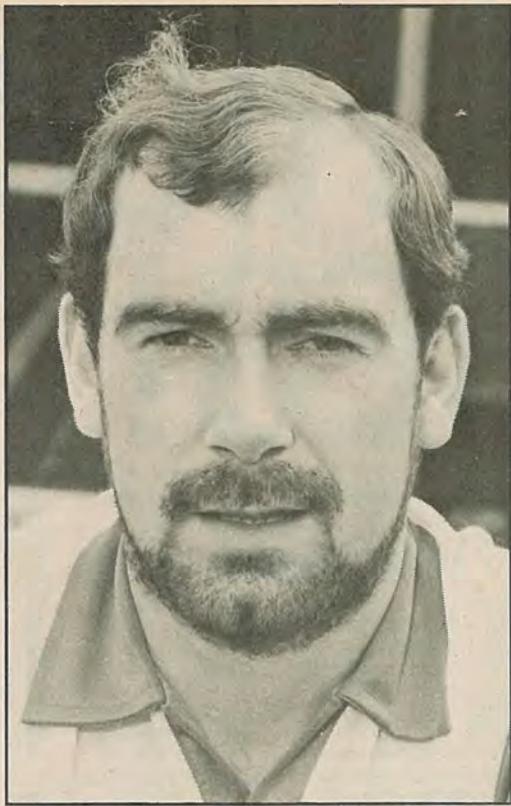
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Free! Alan Waddle — cost Newport a record £80,000 17 months ago.



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AN exclusive Match
Weekly guide to all the end
of season free transfers in
Divisions Three and Four.

BARGAIN

MOST of the 500 footballers 'kicked out' by the 92 League clubs at the end of the season will spend the next few weeks wondering and worrying whether they have any future in the game.

Contracts expire at the end of next month and it seems certain that a large proportion of those free transfer players will not be signing new ones for next season.

It's the biggest clear-out in soccer history as clubs make even more stringent economies in a desperate attempt to avoid the financial noose.

For many of the 240-odd players given the axe by clubs in the Third and Fourth Divisions, the signposts now lead to part-time football in non-League ... or for some, the dole queue.

Some clubs are in such dire straits that they have had to unload entire teams of players.

Crewe, for example, rock bottom of the Fourth Division last season, released no fewer than 12 players, including veteran goalkeeper Ken Mulhearn.

Halifax, another side who had to apply for re-election, parted company with 11, and Bury, who finished in the Fourth Division's top six, released ten.

Included in Bury's list was former Newcastle and Birmingham defender Pat Howard.

Huddersfield and Chester released most players in the Third Division with nine apiece.

Among the victims of the 'Spring clean' at Huddersfield were ex-Wolves and Burnley winger Steve Kindon and former Everton goalkeeper Andy Rankin.

And Huddersfield, who finished well down the table after starting the season as one of the promotion favourites, also released top scorer Peter Fletcher.

Chester, relegated to the Fourth Division, have not engaged former player-manager Alan Oakes as a player next season.

The former Manchester City stalwart was sacked by Chester earlier this year after making close on 800 League appearances in a distinguished career.

Even former international stars don't escape the axe.

Ex-Scotland and Manchester United winger Willy Morgan has left Fourth Division Blackpool, and promoted Carlisle have parted company with former Scotland midfield player Tommy Craig.

Ex-Wales defender Rod Thomas, the former Derby, Swindon and Cardiff player, has gone from Newport, along with striker Alan Waddle who cost the Welsh club a record £80,000 from Swansea 17 months ago.

And Hugh Dowd, capped by Northern Ireland when with Glenavon, has been released by Billy Bremner's Doncaster.

Bobby Kerr, a folk hero in the North East after leading Sunderland to their shock FA Cup triumph over Leeds nine years ago, may have played his last League game after leaving Hartlepool.

Oh brother! Keith Kennedy is set free

AFTER a season in which his younger brother Alan collected another Championship medal with Liverpool, Keith Kennedy finds himself on the soccer scrapheap.

It must be the ultimate in contrasts of family fortunes with Alan signing a new two-year contract at Anfield, and 30-year-old Keith getting a free transfer from Fourth Division Bury after nine years' service.

"It's a bit of a dampener, but Alan is at the top of the tree and, at the moment, I'm at the bottom," says Keith.

"But I'm only just 30 and I feel that I have at least two more years to offer a League club."

"I want to stay in full-time football, preferably in the North-West area because I am going into business. Going part-time will be a last resort."

Keith was not totally surprised by Bury's decision to release him after more than 500 League and Cup appearances.

"I suppose I suspected that last season would be my last



Free! Keith Kennedy of Bury — such contrasting fortunes to those of his brother Alan at Liverpool.

when I was granted a testimonial because I wasn't due one until next year," says Keith, who came to Bury from Newcastle.

"I was under a certain amount of pressure last season because of my involvement in testimonial events, but I don't think it affected my game."

"The manager told me that I was one of his most consistent players, but because of economies, I suppose I expected that I wouldn't be retained."



Free! Chester's Alan Oakes — close on 800 games under his belt.

DIVISION THREE

BRENTFORD: Paul Shrubbs.
BRISTOL CITY: William Down, Peter Devine, Alan Hay, Garry Smith and Mark Smith.
BRISTOL ROVERS: Vaughan Jones, Gary Pendrey, Kevin Westaway, Steven Williams and Shaun Penny.
BURNLEY: Colin Anderson, Martin Lowe and Eric Potts.
CARLISLE: Paul Bannon, Alan Campbell, Tommy Craig and Anthony Harrison.
CHESTER: David Burns, Peter Henderson, Bryn Jones, Michael Keen, Alan Oakes, Paul Raynor, Peter Sutcliffe and Jim Walker.
CHESTERFIELD: John Stirk, Alan Crawford, Richard Denby and John Ridley.
DONCASTER: Richard Dawson, Hugh Dowd and Pat Lally.
EXETER: Phil Fisher, Peter Hatch, Ian Main, Tony Mitchell, Phil Roberts and Stuart Robertson.
FULHAM: Mark Aspinall, Geoff Banton, Tony Finnigan and Charles Johnson.
GILLINGHAM: Andy Ford and Charles Young.
HUDDERSFIELD: Peter Fletcher, Steve Kindon, Robert Picton, Bernard Purdie, Andy Rankin, Fred Robinson, Richard Taylor and Ian Thompson.
LINCOLN CITY: David Gilbert, David Hughes, Nolan Keeley, Craig Ramsay, Trevor Thompson, John Ward and David Rodgers.
MILLWALL: Chris Dibble, David Rose, Alan Slough, Tony Tagg and Mark Dennehy.
NEWPORT COUNTY: Paul Bodin, Alan Waddle, Richard Walden and Rod Thomas.
OXFORD: Paul Berry, Steve Foyster, Billy Jeffrey, Oliver Kearns and Jason Seacole.
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE: Jeremy Collins, Mark Graves, Nigel Jarvis and Chris Jefferis.
PORTRUSH: Leigh Barnard, Jeff Hemmerman and Keith Viney.
PRESTON: John Anderson, James Bell, Stephen Doyle and Brian Taylor.
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SOUTHBEND: Terry Gray and Graham Franklyn.
SWINDON TOWN: Stephen Abbley, Roy Greenwood and Paul Short.
WALSALL: Colin Harrison, John Horne, John Loveridge, Tony Macken, David Serella, Steve Smith and Steve Waddington.
WIMBLEDON: Gary Armstrong and Peter Brown.

BASEMENT

'A blow to my pride' — Jim Lumby

"**A BLOW** to my pride." That was how Mansfield's top scorer Jim Lumby described his shock release by the struggling Fourth Division club.

Although Mansfield just avoided the ignominious position of having to seek re-election, Jim collected 14 League goals in his first full season with the Midlands club.

"Considering we struggled for most of the season and finished fifth from bottom, I don't think I did badly with 17 League and Cup goals," says Jim, who joined Mansfield from Tranmere for £50,000 in January last year.

"The decision was a blow to my pride because I believe I am always capable of scoring goals."

"The excuse was that Mansfield had to release a lot of players because of economic measures and one has to accept that."

"But I suppose that if we had finished fifth from top instead of fifth from bottom, I would have been retained."

Now Jim, who has scored 86 League goals in spells with



Free! Mansfield's Jim Lumby — "It's a blow to my pride."

Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Carlisle, Tranmere and Mansfield, may return to non-League football and resume his role in the family carpet business.

Jim, who had non-League experience with Boston United, Gainsborough and Brigg Town after leaving Grimsby, has received a couple of offers from League clubs.

"I've had two offers from League clubs and one from a non-League club," he says.

"I'm going to wait a while before making a decision but I may be better off financially by going part-time and returning to my brother-in-law's carpet business."

DIVISION FOUR

ALDERSHOT: Paul Bennett, Nigel Edwards, Michael French, Colin Garwood, Paul Hampshire, Graham Horn, Alex McGregor and Wayne Wanklyn.
BLACKPOOL: Wayne Harrison and Willie Morgan.
BRADFORD CITY: Les Chapman, John Hanson, Billy Ingham, Steve Smith and David Staniforth.
BURY: Noel Bradley, Mick Butler, Dave Constantine, Brian Edwards, Mark Hilton, Pat Howard, John Hughes, Keith Kennedy, Steve Mullen and Jimmy Woodyer.
COLCHESTER: Russell Cotton, Andy Filkins and Jeff Wood.
CREWE: Ian Bowers, Colin Chesters, Neil Griffiths, Duncan Heath, Ian Howat, Paul Keighley, Kevin Lewis, Ken Mulhearn, Philip Williams, Alan Ricketts, Wayne Entwistle and Stephen Hanlon (Finland).
DARLINGTON: Donald Ball, Kevin Glendinning, Ian Hamilton, David Hawker, Harry Wilson and John Stalker.
HALIFAX: Vernon Allatt, Simon Bullock, Everton Carr, Glynn Chamberlain, Francis Firth, Graham Thomas, John Kilner, Jimmy McIlwraith, Tom O'Neil, Steven Walker and Andrew Whiteley.
HARTEPOOL: Derek Hampton and Bobby Kerr.
HEREFORD: Danny Bartley, Stuart Cornes, Tommy Hughes, Frank McGrellis, Adam Musial, Richard Overton and Peter Spiring.
HULL: Stuart Eccleston and Brian Ferguson.
MANSFIELD: Adrian Burrows, Barry Foster, Alexander Livingstone, Jim Lumby, Les McJannet, Arthur Mann, Brian Thomson, Ian Wood and Noel Parkinson.
NORTHAMPTON: Steve Bryant, David Carlton, Kevin Farmer, Mark Heeley, Andy Poole and Andrew Taylor.
PETERBOROUGH: Campbell Chapman, Tim Gale, Mel Gwinnett, Gordon Hodgson and Dave Syrett.
PORT VALE: Paul Bennett, Paul Bowles, Trevor Brissett, Ray Deakin, Peter Farrell, Andy Higgins, Gerry Keenan and Gary Loughran.
ROCHDALE: Peter Burke, Terry Cooper, Peter Crawford, Terry Dolan, David Esser, David Goodwin, Darren Lambert, Nigel O'Loughlin and Mick Poole.
SCUNTHORPE: Gordon Boyd, David Dall, Steve Davy, David Stewart and William Thompson (Barnsley).
SHEFFIELD UTD: Paul Casey, Philip Jones, Peter Moore and Trenton Wiggan.
STOCKPORT: David Booth, Martin Fowler, Andy Stafford and David Sunley.
TORQUAY: Richard Bourne, Maurice Cox, Albert Larmour, Les Lawrence, Tommy Sermanni and Stephen Winn.
TRANMERE: Owen Brown, Steve Craven, Dickie Johnson and Brian Morley.
WIGAN: John Brown, Neil Davids, Steve McAdam and Jeff Wright.
YORK: Derek Craig, Michael Czuczman and Roy Kay.

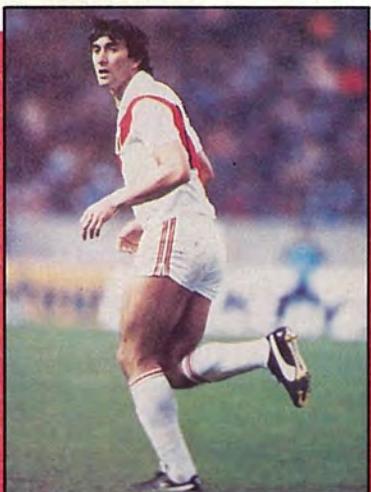
HERE is the third and final set of pictures for your super World Cuporama Wallchart, given away free with the June 5 issue of Match Weekly.

The giant chart is unique because it not only allows you to monitor all the important details of every World Cup game played but also incorporates a collect-your-own gallery of the stars.

Cut out the pictures and paste them into place on the chart.



Michel Platini (France)



Juan Carlos Oblitas (Peru)



Patricio Yanez (Chile)



Ramon Madariaga (Honduras)



Andras Torocsik (Hungary)



Manny Kaltz (West Germany)



Zbigniew Boniek (Poland)



Danny McGrain (Scotland)



Jose Huezo (El Salvador)



Hans Krankl (Austria)



Zico (Brazil)



Diego Maradona (Argentina)



Steve Coppell (England)



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PETER BODAK TALKS ABOUT

PETER Bodak — snapp'd up on a free transfer by Manchester United — claims: "I knew my days at Coventry were numbered as soon as Dave Sexton took over as manager.

"He just didn't like my style and it soon became obvious that I didn't fit into his plans.

"In the end, getting a free transfer from Highfield Road was the best thing that ever happened to me.

"It's always been my ambition to play for Manchester United but I could hardly believe it when I discovered they were interested.

"I felt like someone who had just won the pools!"

Looking back on his last season with Coventry, Peter says:

"I didn't enjoy it. I only played 15 first team games and spent most of the time training with the reserves.

"I'm an out-and-out winger, but the manager wanted me to be more defensive and help out in midfield. I didn't mind doing it some of the time, but Dave Sexton expected me to do it permanently."

Relations between the manager and his talented winger

'IT'S LIKE

have always looked stormy and last season the youngster angrily slapped in a transfer request after being dropped from the side.

Says Peter: "The manager said I wasn't working hard enough and I disagreed. I felt I deserved my place. I let my head drop and didn't deserve to get back in the team.

"It was a difficult time for me, but my family and friends were very good. They helped pull me through.

"I never lost confidence in my ability. I knew I was good enough to play in the First Division.

"I forced my way back into the side with some good performances in the reserves, but whenever things went badly for the first team, I felt I got a lot of the blame.

"Although I was sick when I heard I'd got a free transfer, I was relieved that the club didn't want a fee for me. It would have been more difficult for me to have got fixed up with a price on my head."

Peter didn't have to wait long before he found new employers. He'd been on the list barely a week when he got the call from United manager Ron Atkinson.

Peter explains: "I was at home when the phone rang. The person on the other end didn't introduce himself. He simply asked which club in the world I would most like to play for.

"I replied 'Manchester United' and then Ron introduced himself properly and told me to come up and see him.

"I couldn't believe it. It's always been my ambition to play for United. When I heard they were interested, I felt as though I'd won the pools.

"As I drove into Old Trafford, I noticed the special atmosphere. Even though it was the close season, there were still a lot of supporters about the place. You never get that at Coventry.

"I seemed to hit it off with the manager straight away. He has the same sense of humour as myself.

"I didn't need any persuading to join them. I'd already made up my mind that they were the club for me and I signed that day."

Peter knows that he faces the toughest battle of his career to break into the star-studded Manchester United line-up, but he's looking forward to the challenge.

"I know I'm not guaranteed a place in the team, but the manager has promised that if I play well, he'll give me a chance in the side.

"It's going to be very difficult for me to get into the team, but I've been used to fighting for my place at Coventry.

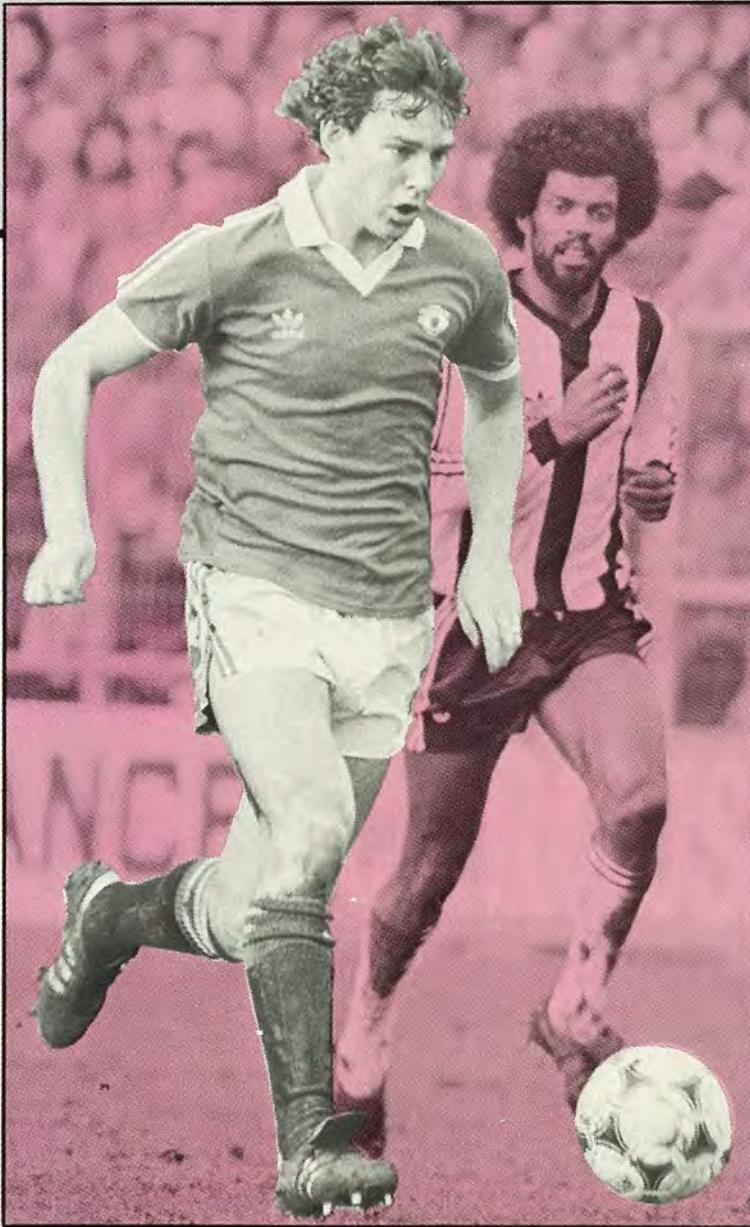
"I won't be overawed by the big-names at Old Trafford. I'm looking forward to meeting them and training alongside them.

"I love the big-time and I believe my game will improve at Old Trafford. The prospect of playing for a world famous club really excites me.

"I always seem to play my best football in front of big crowds and, if I can break into the United set-up, I'll have the best stage in the Football League.

"The television cameras are always at Old Trafford and the club gets fantastic support. It will be so different to playing in front of 10,000 at Highfield Road."

While no-one has ever doubted Peter's ability on the wing, there have been doubts about his



Pen pals

I WOULD like a male or female pen pal who supports Manchester United or Oxford. Catherine Larkin, 59 River Road, Fountainbleau, Randburg, 2194, South Africa.

My hobbies are football and cricket and my favourite teams are Liverpool and Lincoln. I would like a pen pal, male or female, who supports any team. Stephen Simpson (16), 99 Chaucer Drive, Lincoln.

I AM a 16-year-old Southampton supporter and I'd like a pen pal who supports the Saints and lives in the Southampton area. Carole Thompson, 14 Kirkfield Lane, Thorner, Leeds.

I AM a 15-year-old West Ham supporter and my favourite player is Ray Stewart. I would like a girl pen pal, aged 14 or 15, who lives in the North and supports any team. David Allam, 1 Scott Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

I support St Mirren and Nottingham Forest and I would like a pen pal from overseas, aged 15, who likes pop music. Kenneth Kelly (15), 24 Bargarron Drive, Gallowhill, Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

Left: Britain's most expensive player Bryan Robson — cost-nothing Peter Bodak could be lining up alongside him at Old Trafford next season.

HIS SHOCK MOVE TO UNITED

WINNING THE POOLS!

'A MISTAKE TO RELEASE ME ...'
— PETER BODAK

TRICKY winger Peter Bodak, scorer of one of the goals of the season in Coventry's 3-1 FA Cup victory at Manchester City, hopes that piece of individual brilliance will help him find another club.

It was his superb fifty yard dash and delicate chip over England's Joe Corrigan which clinched the tie for Coventry, but he plans to come over on his old side next season.

He feels they have made a mistake in giving him a free transfer and he aims to prove it.

"It came as a real surprise to be given a free because only a few months ago, when I went on the transfer list, they were asking quite a bit of money for me," says 20-year-old Peter, who made only nine First Division appearances last season.

"At that time Sunderland were interested, but nothing came of it."

"I'm very disappointed because I would have liked to have stayed at Coventry, but I don't think I ever fitted in with manager Dave Sexton's plans.

"He had to select me when I was playing well in the reserves.

Right: Peter Bodak — he feels Coventry have made a mistake in letting him go.

but as soon as anything went wrong, I was out again.

"I still regard myself as a First Division player, and I hope that televised goal will show clubs what I am capable of.

"Several clubs, including one First Division team, have expressed some interest, but I'll just have to wait and see what develops over the next few weeks."

"It's been an ambition of mine to play in America, but I haven't received many offers this year. Maybe they will come in the future."



Right: Hats off to a dream move. Peter Bodak in Manchester United strip. Picture exclusive by Philip Bagnall.

Left: Flashback to the June 5 issue of 'Match' when Peter Bodak first talked of his free transfer ...

attitude, but he's quick to defend himself.

"There's nothing wrong with my attitude. If I'm treated well I'll give my all — whether I'm in the first team or the reserves. It's only when people try to take advantage of me that I can be difficult."

Peter is looking forward to meeting up with his old Coventry team-mates in the First Division next season.

"I'd love to play in that game, but I don't believe I've got anything to prove to Coventry. They know that I can play."

"I have left some great friends at Highfield Road and I'd love to see them do well next season, but I believe they need one or two more experienced players before they'll be in a challenging position."

Before Manchester United came in with their dream offer, Peter had already received a number of enquiries — including one from the First Division.

"I never had any doubts that I'd get fixed up with a team. My only worry was that I'd have to

go somewhere I didn't really want to.

"In the end, United stepped in so quickly that I didn't have to worry," he says.

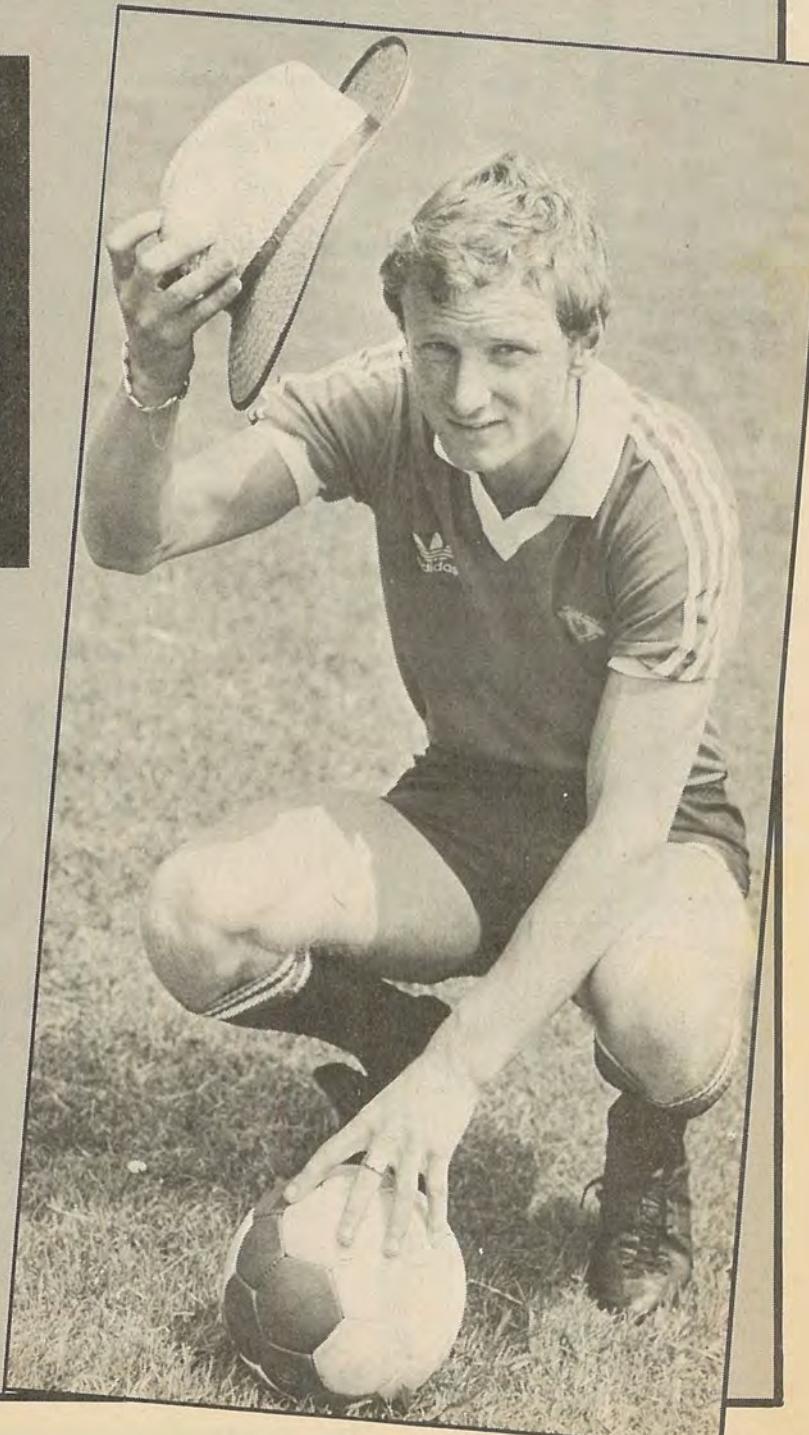
Peter, who joined Coventry straight from school, only made just over 30 League appearances for the Midlands club. Even so, his goal-scoring potential is well known.

Last season, millions of television viewers watched as he scored one of the goals of the season against Manchester City in an FA Cup-tie at Maine Road.

The talented winger dashed nearly the full length of the pitch before chipping the ball over England 'keeper Joe Corrigan and helping his side to a 3-1 win.

But, says Peter: "I don't believe that was my best of the season. I scored a better one on my return to the first team against Everton when I chipped the ball over Nev Southall."

"I love scoring spectacular goals. I like to emulate my hero George Best, who scored some crackers in his time."





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Top ten

HOW about this for a top ten:

- 1 Ever so lonely — Brian Clough without Peter Taylor.
- 2 Imagine — Scunthorpe winning the FA Cup.
- 3 Under Pressure — Orient.
- 4 I won't let you down — England World Cup squad.
- 5 Fantastic day — May 10, 1980 when West Ham won the FA Cup!
- 6 Don't you want me — Tommy Docherty.
- 7 Working my way back to you — Alvin Martin.
- 8 Ebony and Ivory — Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald.
- 9 I'll put you together again — Trainers with their magic sponge.
- 10 Goody two shoes — Trevor Brooking.

Lee Wallace, Woodford Green, Essex

Top of the World

I HAVE compiled two sides made up of players from each country in the World Cup Finals. They are two unbeatable teams and I've named them 'World United' and 'World Rangers'.

UNITED: Luis Arconada (Spain), Manfred Kaltz (West Germany), Eric Gerets (Belgium), Bruno Pezzey (Austria), Jozef Toth (Hungary), Zico (Brazil), Michel Platini (France), Teofilo Cubillas (Peru), Diego Maradona (Argentina), Kevin Keegan (England), Kenny Dalglish (Scotland), Sub: Sammy McIlroy (N. Ireland).

RANGERS: Dino Zoff (Italy),

Ebony and Ivory — that's Spurs strikers Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald, pictured here having a splashing time. See Lee Wallace's top ten.

Jozef Barmos (Czechoslovakia), Jorge Alberto Gonzalez (El Salvador), Ephraim M'Bom (Cameroon), Mustapha Dahleb (Algeria), Salvador Bernardez (Honduras), Zbigniew Boniek (Poland), Carlos Rivas (Chile), Oleg Blokhin (Russia), Wynton Rufer (New Zealand), Ivica Surjak (Yugoslavia), Abdul-Aziz Al-Ambari (Kuwait).

SALUTE GENERAL LEE . . .

WHAT a great season it was for Liverpool's skilful and industrious midfielder, Sammy Lee.

Even though Sammy had to compete with the likes of Graeme Souness, Terry McDermott, Ronnie Whelan and —earlier in the season — Ray Kennedy, little Sammy refused to be overshadowed by more celebrated Anfield midfield stars.

He won a League Cup winner's medal and played a big part in Liverpool's Championship glory, and Sammy deserves all the success he gets. He works hard, never gives up and is a credit to the game.

I think Sammy is a future England captain.
Anthony Timlin, Diblanc, Leeds.



Sammy Lee — future England captain, says Anthony Timlin.

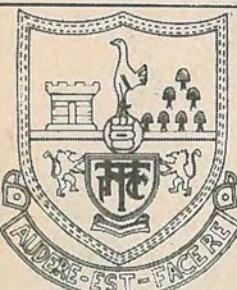
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HAYSELDEN

"An entertaining player who scores goals — that's Barnsley striker Trevor Aylott," says Elspeth Gilfillan (10) of Barnsley.

"It's a pity that Gordon McQueen has been plagued by injury this season — he should be a Scotland regular," according to Anthony Fitzpatrick (13), of Chorleywood, Herts.

Left: Man. Utd's British record signing, Bryan Robson is: "One of the best midfielders in the country," according to David Beavers, of Haydon Bridge, Northumberland.



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MOST people's idea of the traditional British forward is a large strapping six-footer famed for his heading and a mighty shot.

Of the few that are around today, those that spring readily to mind are Peter Withe, Mick Robinson, David Cross, Bob Latchford and Andy Gray.

But I believe the Great British centre-forward is a dying breed. Clubs are relying on their goals mainly from the ground specialists — players who rely a lot on shrewd positioning.

knife-edge reflexes and a quick turn of pace for their goals, unlike the big, bustling types who place a lot of emphasis on strength and aggression.

To support my argument, nine of the First Division's ten leading scorers are ground specialists with West Brom's Cyrille Regis the odd man out. Even in Spain this summer, the only true centre-forward fielded by the three home countries taking part will be Peter Withe, Joe Jordan and Burnley's Billy Hamilton. Mark Anderson, Sunderland.

TAKE CHARGE

ASTON Villa's magnificent European Cup win, with their reserve goalkeeper playing for 80 minutes, underlines the strength of the game at club level in this country.

Yet while our club sides have won the world's greatest club competition six years in a row, England have achieved little or nothing and have been most lucky to reach the World Cup Final stages. A Paisley, a Clough, a Saunders or even a Barton is sadly needed to take charge of our national team.

Geoffrey Allman, Essington, Wolverhampton.

Unbeatable

HERE is my team of O's which I think is unbeatable:

O'Keefe (Torquay); O'Neill (Leicester), O'Neill (Chesterfield); O'Leary (Arsenal), O'Neill (Norwich) capt., O'Brien (Notts County), O'Donnell (Bournemouth), O'Callaghan (Stoke), O'Keefe (Wigan), O'Neill (Cambridge), O'Callaghan (Ipswich). Andrew Jeffrey, Tasburgh, Norwich.

Golden Goof

I KNOW that, until their relegation at the end of the season Leeds United had spent a long time in the First Division, but I didn't realise it was as long as this cutting from my local paper indicated:

Declan Mannion, Rosbrien, Co. Limerick.

Allan Clarke, whose goals guided Leeds United to some of the highest honours in football during the past decade, suffered the agony of frustration and disappointment as his managerial qualities failed to keep the club in the first division.

He was in the Potteries last night to watch Stoke defeat West Bromwich 3-0 — a result which kept the home team up but sent Leeds tumbling to the second division after enjoying continuous membership in Division One since 1964.

Chelsea are on the right lines

WELL done John Neal! You did a great job in your first season in charge at Chelsea.

Although we didn't get promotion to the First Division, we beat FA Cup Finalists Queen's Park Rangers and pulled off one of the shock results of the season when we beat League Champions Liverpool.

Those results show that the former Middlesbrough manager is assembling the right team to challenge for the First Division next season.

Justin Garrett (13), London E1/4.

THREE CHEERS

IT seems that the three points for a win idea has paid off. When it was introduced at the start of the season I was against it, but after seeing some of the high-scoring games this season, I now realise that the Football Association were correct in changing the ruling.

The amount of high scoring games this season has been amazing especially at Southampton, Ipswich and West Ham, where there have been an abundance of 3-2, 4-3 and 3-3 results.

Clare Downie, Sunderland

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RANGERS ROBBED

I'M outraged after watching the FA Cup Final replay between Tottenham and QPR because I feel Rangers should get a place in Europe and, from now on, all FA Cup runners-up should go into Europe. All they get are losers' medals and they'll have to start all over again next year.

Michael Rodgers, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland.

● QPR won the respect of football followers all over the world for their plucky display, and that's worth more than their losers' medals. If the FA Cup losers go into Europe, then so should the League Cup runners-up. There would be no end to it. You're sent off!

Leave soccer alone!

I'M outraged at all the recent talk of Sin Bins, Summer football and an English Premier Division. Even though I think they are good suggestions I would prefer our football to stay the way it is.

What if we do have fixture back-logs through bad weather? We've had this

system for more than one hundred years so why change?

Let's keep English football as it is and not introduce new ideas.

Ian Humphreys, Manchester

● IT'S because we've stayed the way we are that we've been in the international wilderness for so many years. A Premier Division should have been introduced long ago to give more time for international get-togethers. You're booked.

BINGHAM BLUNDER

I'M outraged that Norman Whiteside of Manchester United is going to the World Cup with Northern Ireland. Billy Bingham should select players because they are of international standard, not just because they are hitting the headlines.

Stephen Poxon, Gosport, Hants.

● PERHAPS it's because Norman Whiteside has the potential to become an international star that he's hit the headlines. This young man needs all the help he can get on his road to success and can do without knocks from the likes of you. You're booked.

Boring England

I WAS outraged at England's style of play when they beat Scotland 1-0 at Hampden Park. After their lucky goal, they pulled everyone back and defended the lead.

This sort of play keeps the fans away and England were guilty of being very negative. The only reason they defended was so they could go off to Spain calling themselves

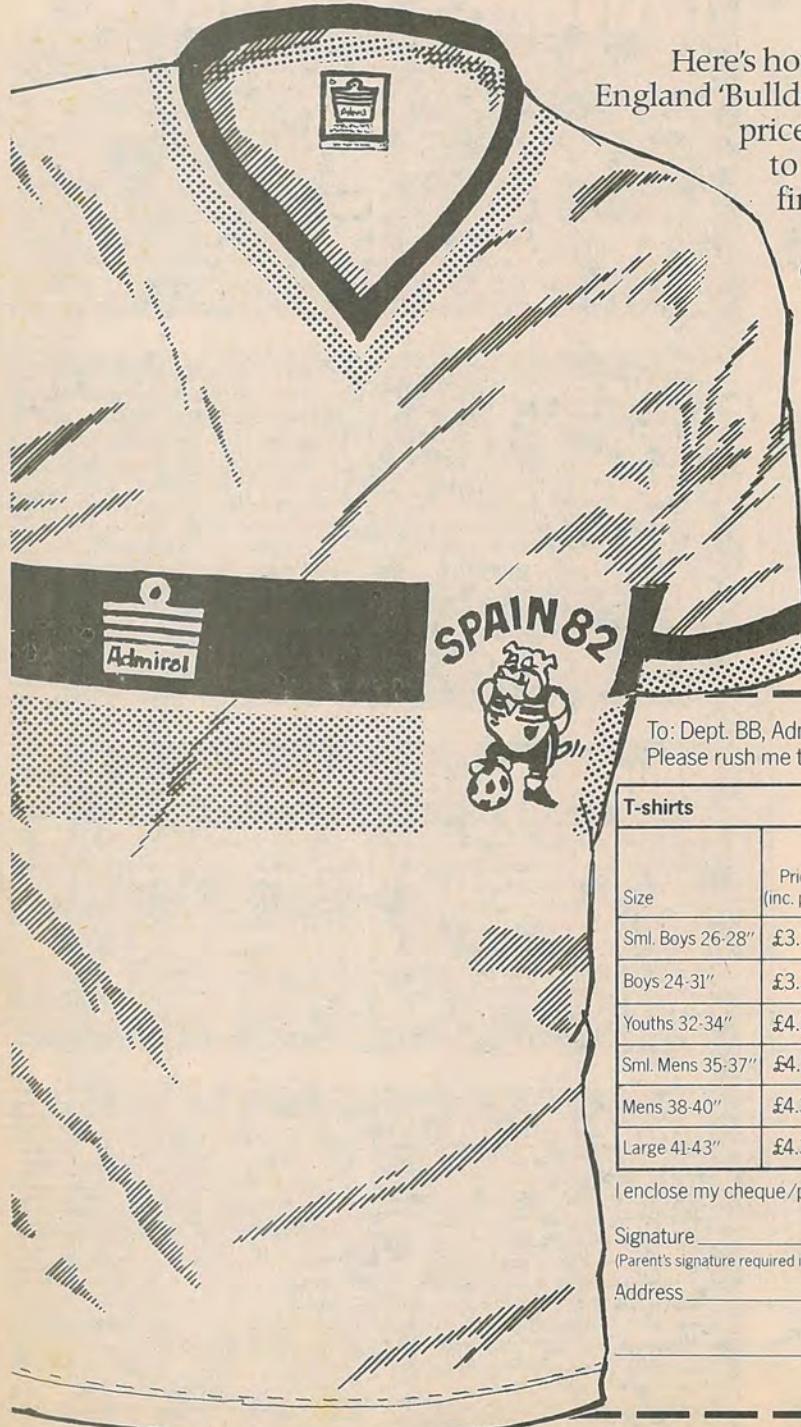
British Champions, but they're only champions at playing boring football.

Alan Knight, West Lothian, Scotland

● PERHAPS you're forgetting that England lost their two strikers through injury for nearly half the game. It was surely up to the Scots to be positive and I didn't see a lot of that from them. You're booked for being so biased.

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Third Division 'Top Stopper' David Felgate in high-flying action.



TOP STOPPERS DIVISION THREE

Pos	Player	Games	Goals	Mins played per goal
1	David Felgate (Lincoln)	43	37	105
2 (7)	Alan Stevenson (Burnley)	46 (44)	45 (45)	92 (88)
3	Martin Hodge (Preston)	28	29	87
4 (6)	David McKellar (Brentford)	45 (39)	47 (38)	86 (92)
4 (21)	Gerry Peyton (Fulham)	44 (28)	46 (41)	86 (61)
6 (7)	Roy Burton (Oxford)	46 (43)	49 (44)	84 (88)
6	Alan Knight (Portsmouth)	45	48	84
8 (20)	Trevor Swinburne (Carlisle)	46 (38)	50 (55)	83 (62)
8 (25)	Ron Green (Walsall)	46 (23)	55 (39)	83 (53)
10 (13)	Mark Kendall (Newport)	46 (28)	54 (34)	77 (74)
11	Ron Hillyard (Gillingham)	44	52	76
12 (5)	Geoff Crudgington (Plymouth)	46 (46)	56 (44)	74 (94)
12	John Keeley (Southend)	27	33	74
14	Jan Moller (Bristol C)	31	38	73
15 (7)	John Turner (Chesterfield)	45 (43)	57 (44)	71 (88)
15	Peter Gleasure (Millwall)	38	48	71
17 (10)	Grenville Millington (Chester)	36 (46)	54 (48)	60 (86)
17	Willie Boyd (Doncaster)	32	48	60
19	Phil Kite (Bristol R)	27	42	58
19	Len Bond (Exeter)	31	48	58
19	Ron Fearon (Reading)	42	65	58
19 (15)	Jimmy Allan (Swindon)	46 (44)	71 (54)	58 (73)
23	Dave Beasant (Wimbledon)	46	75	55

● The figures in brackets indicate placings and totals of goalkeepers who played in the Third Division the previous season. None of the goalkeepers used by Huddersfield achieved the qualification figure of 20 games.

THE first column in the table shows the number of games played.

The second column shows the number of goals conceded, and the third column is the average number of minutes' play between each goal.

For instance, Plymouth's Geoff Crudgington conceded, on average, one goal every 74 minutes.

Only League matches count.
Goalkeepers must have played 20 games.

LINCOLN may have been pipped for promotion from the Third Division, but their young goalkeeper, David Felgate, proved to be the 'Top Stopper' in the division.

And it's the second successive season that the Welshman has topped a table.

The previous season he was the top goalkeeper in the Fourth Division when Lincoln achieved promotion.

Last term, he conceded just 37 goals in 43 League matches for an average of 105 minutes between each goal . . . and that's 59 minutes down on his Fourth Division campaign!

Clear

But his record last season was sufficient to keep him well clear of Alan Stevenson, the ever-present goalkeeper of champions Burnley.

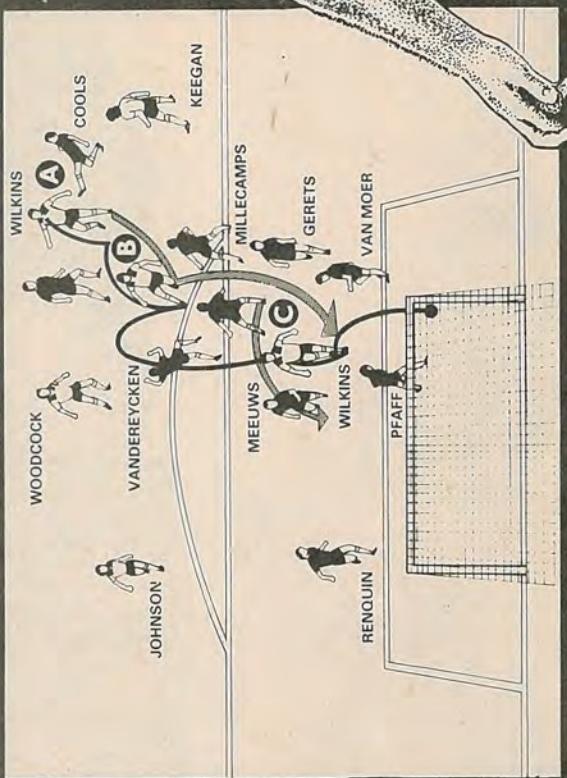
Alan let in 45 goals in 46 matches and was obviously a key factor in the return of the Lancashire side to the Second Division after a two-season absence.

In third spot was Preston's loanee 'keeper Martin Hodge from Everton.

And that was a considerable achievement for the ex-Plymouth 'keeper who last year fought off serious injury and illness to save his career.

Brentford's David McKellar maintained his consistency, finishing joint fourth, after ending the previous season in sixth place.

RAY WILKINS



ENGLAND 1 BELGIUM 1 European Championship, Turin, Italy, June 12th, 1980

England's performances in the 1980 European Championships in Italy provided little cause for celebration. A draw with Belgium, defeat at the hands of Italy and victory over Spain meant we failed to qualify for the Final in Rome.

But for Manchester United's Ray Wilkins the tournament produced a moment - and a goal - that he will treasure always.

It came 20 minutes into our opening game with Belgium players, as he said:

"Trevor Brooking made a good run down the left and when his cross came in it was headed out in my direction by Belgian defender Walter Meeuws.

"I chested it down and flicked it up on my right foot at three or four feet. I thought about clouting it, but as the ball bounced out my head and decided to lob him.

"As it fell away I lifted the ball over the keeper and into the top corner. It was only my second goal for England and a real bonus. You could say it was one of my best," cracked Ray.

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Jan Ceulemans

BELGIAN RAIDER HUNTS GLORY

ENGLAND will need no reminding of the striking power of Belgium's powerful raiding winger Jan Ceulemans should they clash in the later stages of the World Cup Finals.

It was his stunning equaliser that cost England victory over Belgium in Turin during the 1980 European Championships.

And it began England's sad demise from a tournament they had high hopes of winning... whilst at the same time spurring Belgium's superb run to the Final.

Though they lost to West Germany, they grew up in international stature and, from being an unknown, Ceulemans rose to become an overnight star.

Now he is aiming to add a bit of World Cup glory to his European Championship runners-up medal.

"It will be difficult for us because we are not the unknown underdogs we were in 1980. Now everyone knows we are runners-up in Europe," says the Bruges skipper.

"But we shall be hard to beat again and we can rely on the same team strengths. And we are all more experienced now."

His impact in Italy two years ago can be measured by the fact that AC Milan tried to lure him from Belgium before they signed Manchester United's Joe Jordan.

But Ceulemans decided to stay in Belgium, where he has played all his professional football.

His striking partner in the Belgian attack is Erwin Vandenberghe, who is one of his best friends back in his home town of Lierse.

Between them, they were responsible for nine of the 12 goals Belgium scored on their way to becoming the first European side to qualify for Spain after the hosts.

It is Belgium's first appearance in the Finals since 1970, which is another good reason why Ceulemans wants to hit the world with his pace, power and finishing.

"I'm sure we are able to play as well, if not better, than in 1980. We shall be out for goals and victories again."